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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Team Ted — Andover's newest selectman, Ted Teichert, celebrates victory with wife, Jeanne, and daughters, Stephanie, 12, and Julianne, eight months. Teichert joined incumbent Brian Major in the winner's circle, with a 20-vote margin over fellow challenger Don Robb.

And O'Connor for housing authority

Major, Teichert for selectmen

By Neil Fater

Andover's two major contested races in the annual town election Tuesday were the electoral equivalent of photo finishes, with each decided by no more than 20 votes.

In the selectmen's race, incumbent Brian Major and newcomer Ted Teichert outdrew challenger Don Robb for the two available seats, with Teichert beating Robb by just 20 votes.

In the Andover Housing Authority race, former public housing official Francis O'Connor squeaked by former School Committee member Michael Frishman, by just 15 votes.

New Selectman Teichert learned of his close call with a phone call. He says he wasn't immediately sure if he had won after hearing the numbers.

"It took me a minute. I had to think about it, and I was still nervous. I wasn't quite comfortable. (I thought) 20 votes, is this for sure?" says Teichert.

Meanwhile, the housing authority race was so close, that both O'Connor and Frishman left the polls thinking Frishman had won.

After doing a quick calculation as poll workers posted unofficial numbers, O'Connor incorrectly stated that Frishman had beat him by 20 votes. With attention focused on tabulating the tight selectmen's race, most residents at the polls assumed O'Connor was correct.

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Sewer articles down the drain?

By Neil Fater

Looking to avoid a vote that might literally set neighbor against neighbor on the Town Meeting floor, the Board of Selectmen has recommended the withdrawal of three articles seeking to change how residents will pay for the large sewer projects approved last year.

Before a vote Monday night, board members listened to residents who said

it's unfair to charge them significantly different betterments than they thought they would get when they approved the projects in 1999.

The vote was unanimous to recommend withdrawing articles 23, 24 and 25.

"There are going to be people who are upset (about withdrawing the articles)," said Selectman Larry Larsen. "But I don't

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Photo by Carol Van Doren

Those were the days — Bancroft Elementary fourth-grade students (from left) Julie Walsh, Jennifer Quinlan and Michelle Angelosanto model clothes from the '20s at a recent school assembly, which is part of the "Ticket back in Time" theme for the millennium year.

Police bust 23 at party

Andover police arrested 23 teens last Friday night at a beer party allegedly hosted by a 15-year-old boy.

According to police reports, a neighbor complained to police at around 11:30 p.m. about loud noise at 9 Whispering Pines Drive. Upon arrival of the police, someone in the house reportedly announced "It's the cops," and nearly 10 youths tried to run out the back door before they were caught by police and sent back inside.

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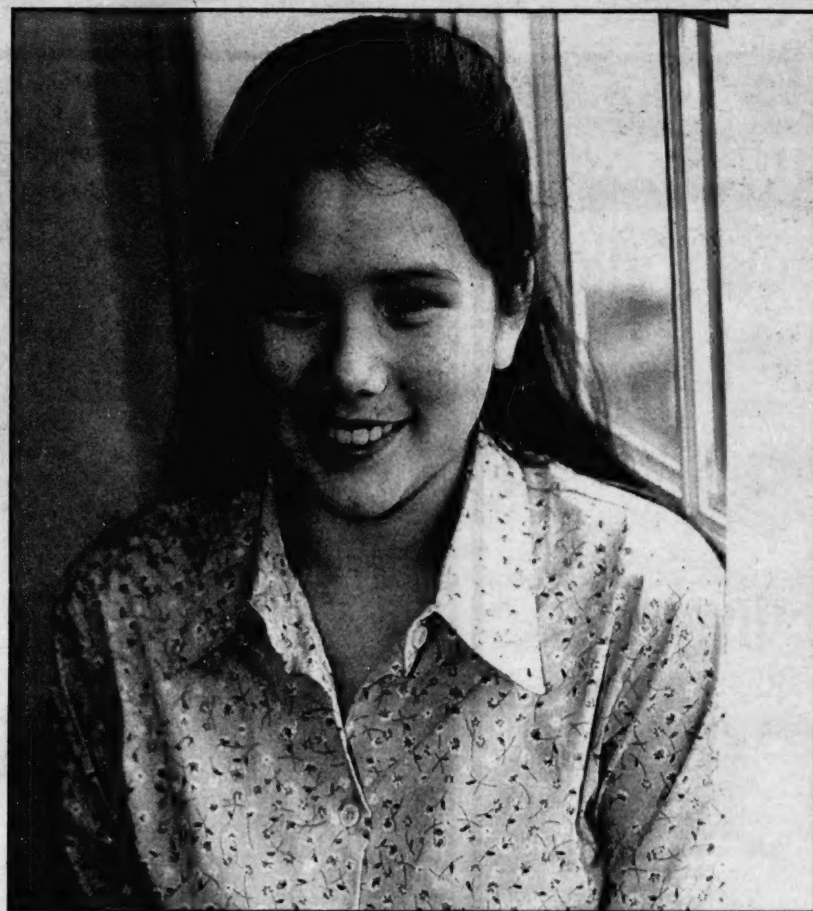


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Excited? Well, yes. Keiko Yoshida, 15, a cast member of the television show *Zoom*, says she hasn't stopped smiling since hearing that the show was nominated for three Emmy awards. Her friends, she says, are "wicked excited."

Zooming for an Emmy

Kids who used to hum a tune to the zip code 02134 may be all grown up, but a new generation of zoomers is growing, and this time, they recite a Web address: pbs.org.

Today, the most direct way to write to *Zoom* is by logging on to pbskids.org/zoom.

The reinvention of the popular children's television show *Zoom*, featuring two Andover girls in its first new season, has been nominated to receive an Emmy award in three categories.

Andover's Keiko Yoshida, 15, and Zoe Costello, 13, appeared on the first modern season of *Zoom*, filmed in 1998 and aired in 1999. This year, they may be members of an Emmy award winning program.

Zoom, produced by WGBH in Boston, was nominated for best children's series, best costume design and best sound mixing.

Awards will be presented in two ceremonies, May 13 (untelevised) and May 19 (televised).

Producers say the category of children's series has not yet been scheduled, but Zoe, Keiko, and their families plan to attend ceremonies in May in New York City.

Both girls say they are "very excited," and Keiko reports that her friends are "wicked excited," not to mention the young students

in the dance class where she is an assistant teacher.

"They love that Keiko from *Zoom* is their assistant teacher," she says.

When she first found out the show was nominated for an Emmy award, Keiko says no one was home.

"But I was jumping up and down, and I think I probably smiled for the rest of the day. In fact I'm still smiling," she says.

Zoe says the idea of being an Emmy winner has not yet sunk in.

Zoe and current *Zoom* cast member Alisa are already making plans to shop for formal wear for the event.

Since the first year *Zoom* was brought back to television, Zoe stayed on for a second season, which was filmed last year and airs this year.

Both actresses have since moved on to other projects, but their biographies can be found on the show's Web site.

Tackling more serious subjects than at-home science experiments, Zoe will appear in an independent short film about students' reactions to a school shooting.

Keiko says she is more excited about theater than film, lately.

"I'd much rather be in front of

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NEWS IN BRIEF

LWW hosts warrant forum

The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters will host its second annual Andover Public Warrant Forum on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

There will be a discussion of warrant articles for the annual Town Meeting, and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski will deliver a State of the Town address. The forum will be televised live on cable.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was: **Do you think Route 125 needs more than two new traffic lights and two flashing lights, as proposed by the state Highway Department?**

The online response to this question was, far and away, the most overwhelming of any since the *Townsmen* launched its Web site last September, with 5,597 responses as of Tuesday evening. While the poll is unscientific, it is clear that some residents are passionate about the issue of traffic lights on Route 125. The online response was 5,451 to 146, or 97 to 3 percent, in favor of more traffic lights on the road.

This week's question is: **Should there be a moratorium on the construction of new sidewalks until the town develops a master plan for them?**

Surf to www.andovertownsman.com

and cast your vote.

For the record

Because of an editor's error, the biographical information on Andover Housing Authority candidate Michael Frishman that appeared on page 19 in the March 23 *Townsmen* was incorrect.

The items listed after "Occupation," including "toxics use reduction planner, mediation and family mediation training," should have been listed under "Education."

In addition, the list of questions to all housing authority candidates failed to ask about occupation. Frishman is currently employed by the United Way of Merrimack Valley. His past work experience includes: New York Times editor; communications coordinator for the Massachusetts Office of Environmental Affairs Office of Technical Assistance; and interim director of

ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) of Northern Essex County.

Other experience related to public housing includes: DSS Foster Care Review community volunteer, volunteer mediator in Small Claims Court, past president of the Metropolitan (New York City) Council on Housing Foundation, president of the West End Avenue (New York City) Cooperative Apartments and vice president and treasurer of Andover ABC (A Better Chance).

A cat-owner living in an Andover Housing Authority apartment who was profiled in last week's *TownTalk* "Too many feline friends," was incorrectly identified as Viola Ferrell.

Her name is Eola Farrell. She is seeking loving, responsible people to adopt cats she is not allowed to keep. She can be reached at 475-9713.

The *Townsmen* regrets the errors.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 30

Ballardvale Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 3

Council On Aging, Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Board of Assessors, Assessors' office, Town Offices, 9 a.m.

Sanborn School Council, Sanborn School media center, 3:30-5 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, executive session, 6 p.m., regular meeting to follow.

Tuesday, April 4

Board of Assessors, assessors' conference room, Town Offices, 9 a.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical School, 1707 clerical negotiating subcommittee, 57 River Road, executive session, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Greater Lawrence Technical School, Commission District Meeting, 57 River Road, executive session, 7:30 a.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

West Elementary School Council, school conference room, 3:30 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, first-floor conference room, Town Offices, 8 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

'W'e can go on forever saying, 'Well, one of these days we really must have a master plan.' But we all could grow old and vanish from the earth before that happens."

Selectman Larry Larsen, explaining why he supports new sidewalks even without a master plan for them, setting priorities.

'S'ometimes it seems like the more parking you make, the more cars you attract, and you never quite get to ground zero."

Joe Costanza, Merrimack Valley Transit Authority administrator, on pressure to add parking to commuter rail stations in the area.

'N'ever underestimate what a pair of eyes and caring people can do."

State Sen. Sue Tucker, urging residents to lobby for better staffing and better oversight at area nursing homes.

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a live audience than a camera. Seeing people out there cheering kind of gets you really excited too, and gets you pumped up. You put on a better show," she says.

Keiko stars in the Andover High School production of *Oklahoma* this weekend at the Collins Center, and will also appear in Merrimack Junior Theater's upcoming production of *The King and I*.

Zoom producer Jim Johnston of WGBH says he can only guess why *Zoom* was nominated, along with programs *Bill Nye* (the science guy) and *Nick News* programs on Nickelodeon.

"You just get a nice feeling interacting with a community of zoomers," he says.

While the idea of an "interactive" show was new in the 1970s, it fit right in to today's multi-media lifestyles.

"The concept really worked in conjunction with the Web site," Johnston says.

In developing the new version of the show, producers weren't trying to resurrect *Zoom* as much as they were trying to develop a show with lots of activities for kids where the viewers would be part of the program.

"They just kept saying, 'That sounds like *Zoom*,'" he says.

Zoom still gets suggestions and comments from viewers across the country through "snail mail," Johnston says — between 2,000 and 3,000 pieces per week.

"On e-mail, you can get close to that many submissions a day," Johnston says, noting that number does not include visitors to the site who haven't written to the show.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Hat's off to Larry

After nine years, residents won't see Larry Larsen behind the selectmen's desk anymore, but he and his well-known wit won't be hard to find.

Larsen will devote a great deal of his time to the Andover Youth Foundation's youth center effort, and this summer plans to launch a Web site for parenting — powerforparenting.com.

"I have no regrets at all and only



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Help for the brotherhood — Zoe Costello, of Andover, (and a cast member of *Zoom*) presented a \$400 check to the Andover Fire Department recently to be used to assist the families of the Worcester firefighters who died this past winter. Accepting the check is Lt. Bob Stabile. In the second row, from left, are Brian T. Wright, Garrett Ferns and Mike Surette. In the rear, standing on the truck, are Bob Pelletier and Ryan Beal.

joy, not only at what I had the pleasure of experiencing but what I plan to do in the future," he says.

Selectmen paid tribute to Larsen at his final meeting Monday.

Chairman John Hess read a proclamation praising Larsen as "a shining light in our community," which

brought a guffaw from Larsen.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, a more than occasional target of Larsen's verbal barbs during Larsen's last term, then brought in a going-away cake.

"The board talked about an appro-

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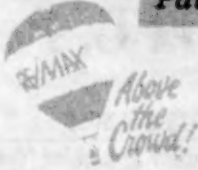
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Officials debate: Bond or pay now?

By Neil Fater

Andover officials support Article 26 of the Town Meeting warrant, which proposes 23 town and school projects that will collectively cost nearly \$1.5 million, but they disagree on how they should pay for them. So it might be left up to voters to decide.

The issue is one that the selectmen and Finance Committee have debated before.

The FinCom wants to pay for several projects with today's dollars and avoid interest costs, while selectmen are eyeing bonding more of Article 26 so Andover can add to its emergency fund, called the stabilization fund.

For now, selectmen voted 4-1 on Monday to put \$500,000 in the stabilization fund. That is \$450,000 more than the FinCom recommends. But selectmen also noted they will revisit the issue before Town Meeting.

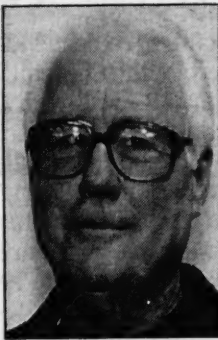
Nitty gritty

Town officials had discussed adding \$750,000 to the stabilization fund, the town's so-called rainy-day fund.

But the FinCom wants \$700,000 of that to be used to pay half of the \$1,475,000 that the projects will cost, rather than bonding.

This will save the town the cost of interest on borrowing \$700,000. However, to balance the budget, the FinCom said the town cannot add \$700,000 to its stabilization fund.

While the FinCom now suggests adding just \$50,000 to this emergency fund, selectmen continue to support significant additions to the stabilization fund.



Larsen — time to save.

"While the economy is good, I'd like to see that stabilization fund paid attention to," said Selectman Larry Larsen. "The day will come when we have to cut up the credit cards and we'll need that savings account (the stabilization fund)."

"We all know, down the pike, we're looking at some bad times, and having some money set aside makes sense," said Mary French.

"As you know, we had been really strong advocates of putting money in the stabilization fund," said FinCom member Joanne Marden. "But as we looked (at number of projects), it began to look more like we were taking out our credit card to put money in the stabilization fund."

Selectman Lori Becker was the lone selectmen to agree with the FinCom and favor bonding as little as possible.

"The bottom line is you pay for this now and it costs us less now than it will later," said Becker.

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prize gift for you, but couldn't decide," said Hess. "I thought that since you play golf, the best thing for us to give..."

"Is lessons?" said Larsen.

Hess said the group actually decided it should get him a bag of clubs.

"We couldn't come up with enough money, so at least we gave you a key chain," said Hess, brandishing a golf-bag shaped key chain.

"They're Pings," joked Brian Major.

Town officials plan to roast Larsen at a fundraiser for the Larsen-founded Andover Youth Foundation April 6, from 6:30-11:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall, also called the Town House.

However Larsen, known for leaving marathon meetings early to get ready for the next morning, wryly noted, "Who will be there at 11:30? I won't."

And, sure enough, as his last selectmen's meeting dragged Monday night, Larsen left, at precisely 11:30 p.m.

Selectmen officially adjourned the meeting at about 11:53 p.m.

— Neil Fater

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Selectmen get selective on proposed new sidewalks

By Neil Fater

Despite a vote this past winter calling for a moratorium on building new sidewalks, selectmen are now supporting \$430,000 in private articles seeking to construct new sidewalks.

The selectmen who support such construction say the two private articles they support are unique situations.

In January, selectmen voted 4-0, with sidewalk supporter Larry Larsen absent, to delay sponsoring any new sidewalks until a town-wide sidewalk plan and potential betterment policy could be established. This derailed any hope of money for sidewalks in the Andover Street/Ballardvale Road area, as desired by Ballardvale Traffic Task Force members.

But in the past two weeks, selectmen have recommended that Town Meeting approve a pair of private sidewalk articles.

Selectmen voted 2-1 to support a new sidewalk for Chestnut Street, and 4-0 for a new sidewalk on High Plain Road, near West Elementary School.

They have recommended against a new sidewalk on Woburn Street, near South School, and split 2-2 on a sidewalk for High Street.

Selectman Mary French, the chairman of the Ballardvale Task Force, supports only the High Plain Road sidewalk, because it would build a sidewalk within a half-mile of West Elementary.

"I'm terribly torn. I think not having sidewalks in proximity to schools makes no sense," said French.

But French opposes the other private sidewalk articles, such as one for Chestnut Street, because she said the town should adopt sidewalk policies before building any more of them.

In contrast, Larry Larsen supported all but the Woburn Street sidewalk, which he said does not have enough vision or resident support.

"We can go on forever saying, 'Well, one of these days we really must have a master plan.' But we all could grow old and vanish from the earth before that happens," said Larsen.

Chestnut Street

Selectmen recommended Town Meeting approve the Chestnut Street sidewalk article by a 2-1 vote, with Larsen and Lori Becker in favor and French opposed.

The Chestnut sidewalk article's chief supporter, Emilie Gilbert, has been pushing the project, both in and outside of Town Meeting, for four years. Gilbert said people now refer to her as "The Sidewalk Lady."

"Chestnut Street, I supported because we had already gone through the design process, and this is the next logical step. It's an incredibly dangerous hill, corner and turn," said Becker.

Gilbert believes the selectmen's support for the \$300,000 project will pay dividends at a Town Meeting loaded with higher-priced items.

"I'm elated. Just thrilled to death. There are tears right below the surface," she said, after the selectmen's vote. "It's for all the right reasons."

"I think (selectmen support) is huge, particularly for a small article like this," she said. "It's not a big issue to the town

at large. We've never had the endorsement of the selectmen before."

High Plain Road

The vote was unanimous to endorse sidewalks for High Plain Road.

The specific section of High Plain is one of only three in Andover that is within a half-mile of a school but does not have a sidewalk.

The estimated cost of building a sidewalk on the south side of High Plain Road, near West Elementary School, is \$130,000.

But not everyone wants them.

John Johnian, of High Plain Road, said a sidewalk will give people "a false sense of security" and said the money could be better used to improve the nearby playgrounds or the school itself.

"There are many costly projects here in town," he said. "West Elementary can certainly be a beneficiary of \$130,000."

"We just want our kids to be safe," said Donna Gibson, a sidewalk supporter. "I don't understand how a sidewalk cannot be safer than walking on the street."

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Dems to meet

The Andover Democratic Town Committee (ADTC) will meet Tuesday, April 4, at Andover Town Offices, Bartlet Street, second floor. The meeting is open to the public.

Registered Democrats in Andover are invited to participate in the selection of representatives to the Democratic National Convention, to be held in August in Los Angeles. Fifth District Congressman Martin Meehan, will oversee a caucus to elect delegates from the Fifth District on April 8, at 1 p.m. at the Smith Baker Center, Merrimack Street, Lowell. Plan to arrive one-half hour early to allow time for registration at the door.

For more information contact Meehan's office at 978-459-0101, or the Andover Democratic Town Committee Chair, Norma L. Villarreal, at 475-4485.

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Rail station parking to get studied

By Rebecca Lipchitz

It almost sounds like it could be a textbook word problem: "If one plan to improve the Andover train station began in January and another plan leaves the station six months from now, will anyone be able to find a parking spot on Railroad Street?"

If there is a way to find an answer, as anyone trying to park on Railroad Street and catch a train out of Andover knows, it's probably in the timing.

Local transportation officials say it is time to evaluate the layout of train stations in the area, and will examine traffic and parking issues in redesigning them. But Andover approved \$30,000 at Annual Town Meeting last year to study the Essex Street corridor from Red Spring Road to Brook Street — an area that includes the Andover commuter rail station, so the two studies will overlap to some extent.

The timing of the Andover study and studies of three area train stations, including the Andover commuter rail station on Railroad Street, prompted Andover selectmen to reconsider the placement of the town yard.

The most obvious problem to be addressed seems to be that there are too many cars seeking too few parking spaces at commuter rail stations near Andover center and Ballardvale, and to a lesser extent, Lawrence. But officials say the priorities will be determined at the local level.

"Each station has unique issues associated with it. It's really a local decision," says Joe Costanza, administrator with the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority, which is working with the MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority commuter rail) in redesigning the three Andover area stations.

The local study of the Essex Street corridor, which includes the Andover station, is under way, according to Steve Colyer, director of planning in Andover.

Transportation consultants Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., of Watertown, have completed the first part of the Andover study by outlining the conditions at four key intersections: Shawsheen and Red Spring roads; Railroad Street and Dundee Park Drive; School and Essex streets; and Ridge,

Brook and Essex streets at St. Augustine Church.

While the loudest outcry to date seems to be for more parking in the jammed Railroad Street lot, the solution is not necessarily to create more parking, officials say.

"It's a double-edged sword," says Colyer who also represents Andover on the MVRTA advisory board.

"If you improve parking and attract more ridership, you add traffic to the streets, so the (street) configurations are critical to this (study)," Colyer says.

Costanza says one possible solution is to run a shuttle through neighborhoods to bring riders to the train without their cars.

"Sometimes it seems like the more parking you make, the more cars you attract, and you never quite get to ground zero," Costanza says.

While the two studies will both examine traffic and parking issues at the Andover railroad station, they may not intersect otherwise, Colyer says, depending on when the local study is completed and the MVRTA study begins.

The MVRTA is in the process of choosing a consultant to do its study, which is expected to begin in nearly six months, Colyer says.

The three stations were improved 10 years ago when platforms were added and parking was expanded, Costanza says. Since then, improvements were completed in Lawrence and Haverhill.

Because there is so little space to work with, reconsidering the layout of intersections along Essex street won't be taken lightly, Costanza says.

"Andover and Ballardvale stations are really landlocked. You have to be careful what you do there," he says.

The most dramatic changes from the MVRTA study could be made in Lawrence, because they have more land to work with, Colyer says.

While parking is nearly full at the Lawrence station on a regular basis, planners may consider adding retail and other business space at the station for economic reasons, Colyer says.

"They have more exotic ideas," Colyer says of one suggestion to add a convenience store at the Lawrence station.

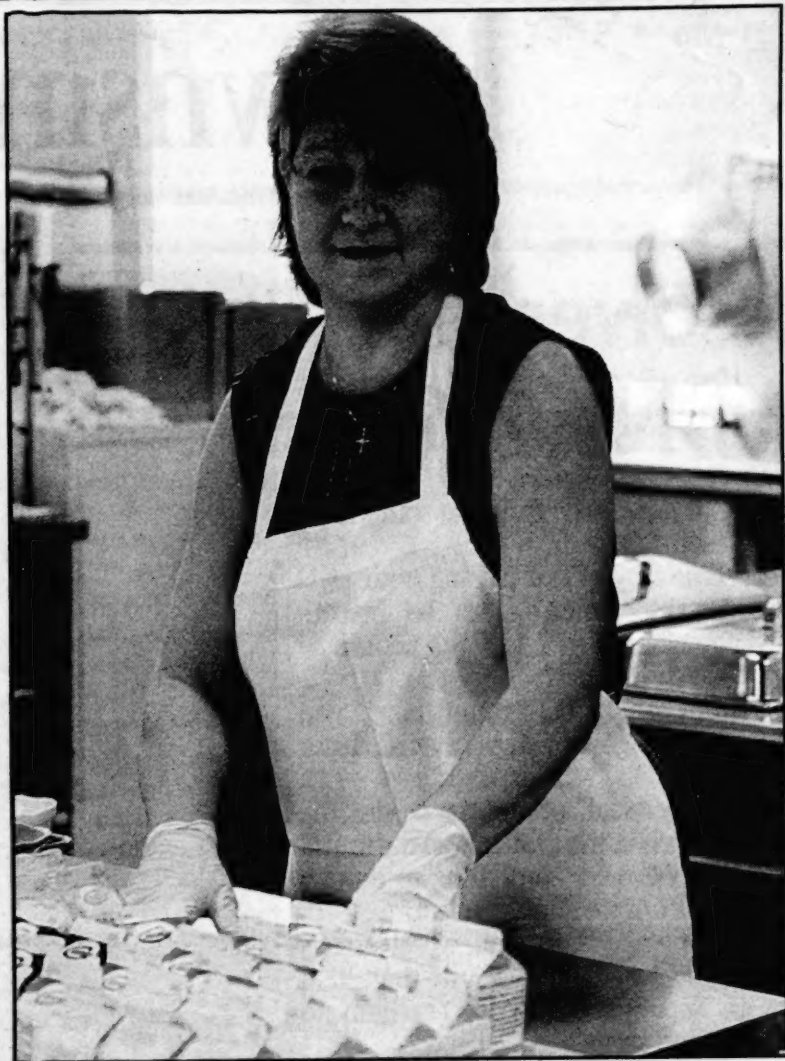
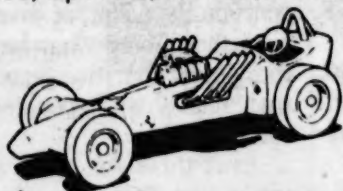


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

New volunteer — Paula Evans, a manager at The Savings Bank in Andover, helps out at the Senior Center cafeteria during lunch this past week. The center is looking for other volunteers to work about 1½ hours on one day per week. Interested volunteers should call Olivia Scileppi at 623-8321

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Resolved, for our New Year

This is a good time to make some New Year's resolutions.

Yes, some of you are raising your eyebrows, thinking there must be insufficient caffeine in this office for people to know what month it is.

But think about it. Around here, you could celebrate New Year's several times a year.

There's the "real" one at the beginning of January, when the world is so dark and frozen that we need something to delude us into thinking we should celebrate.

There's the academic one, which drags students and teachers back into the classroom in September and forces them to start thinking again.

And then there's the governmental one in Andover, starting this week when voters launch a somewhat new slate of officials to run the town, and then a few weeks later, gather to decide how to spend \$100 million or so.

So, at the local level, this is a very good time to resolve to make ourselves and our town better. Herewith a few suggestions:

- For the Board of Selectmen, there is something to be said for being open-minded, but there is also something to be said for consistency. Recent votes — and re-votes — on major issues like staffing for the Youth Services Department, sewer betterment charges and new sidewalks are starting to make your constituents nervous. They're getting the impression that you aren't doing your homework. It would be good to resolve not to give that impression.

- For local voters, once again you turned out in pitiful percentages to elect officials for the coming year. If you don't like the results, don't complain. But there is always a chance for redemption. Perhaps you could make up for it by resolving to come out to Town Meeting. Democracy without participation withers quickly.

- For the School Committee, the \$32-million gorilla is the construction of two new schools. But there are other serious issues that need lots of homework, lots of thought, lots of discussion and lots of leadership. They range from too many kids on Ritalin to special education to the MCAS tests. Those will continue to be controversial no matter how many nice new buildings we have. Resolve to pay attention to them at least as much as to the latest construction update.

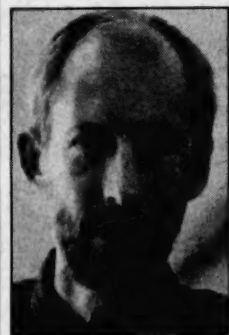
It really will be a new year in town, come May. So let's make it a good one.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Gearing up — Ned Henningsen (center) an eighth-grader at the Doherty Middle School, gets a helping hand from Andover firefighters Tom Agnew and Rick Dalton, during Career Day activities at the school last Thursday.

A civil lesson: not all thefts are equal



Taylor Armerding

OK, class, pay attention to this week's lesson in justice and economics:

These aren't what we call real horror stories. No young kids have been abused or harmed, nobody got shot, nobody's life has been destroyed by drugs.

This is mainly about money — money and business. And money is supposed to be one of those things we consign to the low-priority category of our welfare. Easy come, easy go. When you do business, you take risks. That's what the marketplace is all about.

Still, the stories that have been trickling in over the last couple of weeks in the wake of the closing of the Andover House of Carpets are a reminder that money and business can wound the emotions and the psyche, as well as the wallet.

They are also a reminder that, in our system of justice, not all thefts are treated equally.

By now, the basics of the story are

well known. Thomas Taylor bought Andover House of Carpets — a fixture in Shawsheen Plaza — from the former long-time owner Tom Trask, back in 1997. Late last year, he closed.

That's not terribly unusual. Businesses open and close all the time. What was more unusual was that when Taylor closed, he did it allegedly without delivering product to a number of customers who had already paid him for it. In other words, he simply took their money.

It's not big bucks by business standards. Fifteen hundred here, \$6,000 there.

Still, how can you blame customers for feeling that they've been robbed? They figure, what's the difference if you give your wallet to a thief, or he picks your pocket to take it. Either way, your money has been stolen.

They've been carrying canceled checks down to their lawyers' offices, or to the local police department. And what they learn leaves them as much mystified as angry.

It is a civil, not a criminal matter, they are told. It is a business dispute. Good luck finding the guy and taking him to court, with your own money.

That is indeed the way civil disputes proceed. But then, most business people with a shred of honor or honesty will file for bankruptcy if they can't meet their obligations. Then, they and their creditors (OK, the lawyers for both sides) figure out what

to do.

Sometimes the company stays in business, and gets more time to pay off the debts. Other times it's a lost cause, and the only thing to do is decide how to divide up what assets are left. In those cases, creditors may only get 10 cents on the dollar, or even less. But at least they know what happened, and they know that the person who took their money isn't spending it on himself.

As of this week, there was no indication that Taylor had filed for bankruptcy. Nobody seemed to know where he was.

But when customers approached local police, they were told there was no way the police could help them, because this is not a criminal matter.

It doesn't feel that way to them. As one burned customer put it, "If he'd come and taken that money from me or out of my home, he'd be looking at jail time."

Exactly. Larceny of more than \$250 is considered a felony, carrying a penalty of two to five years in jail, depending on what court hears the case. Yet, because these victims wrote a check, and because it was intended as a business transaction, somebody can walk away with their money and the police can't even help them look for the guy, let alone charge him with a crime.

Most of the mid- to upper-level play-

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Letters

'Improvements' would be bad for their home

Editor, *Townsmen*:

My husband and I attended the Route 125 "proposed changes" meeting last Tuesday night. We discovered, to our unpleasant surprise, that the proposed Salem Street "relocation" (we didn't know there was one) adversely impacts our property.

Our home is at 34 Stinson Road, the first house at the corner of Route 125 and Stinson Road. The back corner of our property is at an angle, which comes within 60-80 feet of Route 125. The proposed westerly access from Salem Street onto Route 125 is being moved south from the intersection at the gas station almost to Stinson Road in order to line up at right angles with a slightly realigned Salem Street on the east side of Route 125. This design was never proposed in earlier Route 125 meetings.

The proposed relocation of Salem Street requires that the town acquire a strip of privately owned land approximately 150 feet wide along the west side of Route 125 between Stinson Road and the gas station. This land is owned mostly by our neighbors, except for a small section owned by us.

This land has always been referred to as "wetlands" on town maps. It will be reevaluated in a later phase of this project. We (my husband and I) always thought "wetlands" were somehow protected, but at this meeting we were told that roads can be built on wetlands.

We were told that property owners would be paid market value for any land that's taken and no one's home would be acquired. This may sound comforting but it's actually a way for the state to save money. If they don't have to

He resents zero tolerance

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In anticipation of this paper's police log, I thought the readers of the *Andover Townsmen* might like to hear a witness's point of view of events last week.

Last Friday, I was handcuffed and placed in a holding cell for more than five hours for the charge of being a minor possessing alcohol.

However, the true path of my night was very different than the charge implies. At 11:15 p.m., on March 26, I followed three friends to a house off Reservation Road. They had been there for the previous part of the night, and even though I had to be home by 11:45, I decided to stay.

I had only been standing in the kitchen for a very short amount of time when three officers entered the house, and began to gather us into a room and search us and the house.

Although the *Eagle-Tribune* article suggested otherwise, the following are true:

1. There was only one case of beer in the house, and more than 25 people. However, 23 kids were arrested for possession, suggesting that every kid there was drinking. It's obvious from the amount of beer that this was far from true.

2. Not one kid in the house was found holding any portion of alcohol, and not one kid was breathalyzed. In actuality, the police had no idea which kids were drinking and which were not. However,

EVERY person in the house was handcuffed and kept in jail until dawn for the charge of possession.

I don't pretend to misunderstand the purpose of a zero-tolerance policy, and Friday night, each of the officers repeated to me several times that maybe this would finally teach us a lesson.

The only thing I got out of the whole experience was a new resentment for the policy and the officers who enforce it.

The majority of the kids who were arrested on Friday night were not drinking inside the house, and held no alcohol or drugs. They were arrested for hanging out with their friends.

The implications are obvious — if the 23 kids who were arrested Friday night are held responsible in court, the Andover police will have license to enter homes where drinking is going on and arrest every person, whether they possess alcohol or not. From then on, you could be arrested for being in the same place as a beer.

The answer lies not in the continually accumulating arrests, but in a real solution, such as a place for kids to go where they will be safe from arrest.

However, until that happens, maybe the town of Andover and the police department should try to understand and educate teen-agers, instead of simply throwing them in jail.

Matthew P. Shaer
6 Florence St.

acquire any homes, then the homeowners bear the cost of their own devalued property. We're worried our property will be changed from something nice to something miserably small, too close to the new road, without privacy or resale value. Meanwhile, the bureaucrats could pay us a few thousand for a quarter of an acre (for example) and feel good about how fair they are.

My husband and I have lived very happily at 34 Stinson Road since 1987. We have just finished remodeling our home, thinking we would live here many more years and into retirement. We like the neighbors and the neighborhood. We have always thought the only drawback to our property was its close proximity to Route 125. Most people would not choose to buy a home as close to a major road as ours is, but the wetlands to the side and back created a natural barrier. Even with the road noise it seemed quite serene somehow. Choosing our property was a compromise. We considered the pros and cons, purchased it, lived in it, fell in love with it. At Tuesday's meeting, we were told by highway designers that some property owners at our intersection "would have to suffer" in order for Route 125 to be improved. We were told that compro-

mises could be reached — that they could move the project a little here and there. We compromised when we bought this property and we don't want to compromise further. And we definitely don't want to suffer!

But, if the roadway gets any closer to our home we fear that all tranquility will be lost. If this proposal comes to pass, our house will no longer be the home we chose to live in. We would be interested in any comments or suggestions from other citizens.

If you wish to write we're:

Paul and Virginia Makowski
34 Stinson Road

Support new schools

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Andover has a very good school system. It is blessed with numerous attributes including: dedicated and effective teachers, skilled administrators, bright and motivated students and supportive parents.

Yet, the schools can not continue to provide a high quality of education unless we as a community help to solve the school system's growing space needs. Overcrowding impacts our ability to effectively teach children. Hav-

ing acknowledged this, we the Andover teachers ask you to support Warrant Article 9 at this year's Town Meeting. An affirmative vote on this article will enable the community to have a ballot vote for a debt-exemption override on May 23.

If Andover citizens wish to continue to strive toward an exemplary school system, the passage of this article is essential. Let me take a moment and explain the reasons why.

First, our two middle schools and our elementary schools have been exceeding full-enrollment capacity for more than 10 years. It is difficult to create smaller per-pupil teacher ratios, which is essential for improving student performance, when there simply is not the space available to create another class. Actually, several classrooms have already been subdivided into two and sometimes three rooms.

In addition, teachers are forced to move from one classroom to another throughout the day. This impairs their ability to properly set up a classroom for group projects or for a laboratory experiment in science.

Art and music rooms have been converted into classrooms. These teachers have been forced to perform their lessons in hallways and cafeterias.

Such teaching environments are not worthy of an excellent school system. One can imagine what this does to a child's ability to concentrate and to develop an appreciation for the fine arts.

I am sure that you will concur that these conditions cannot continue to exist. Public schools are essential to our economic and social well-being. As our economy continues to move into a knowledge-based mode, our public schools are the engine that turns the wheel. The quality of our education system is directly linked to the quality of community life. Because of this economic and social truth, we urge you to support the plan to build new schools.

Tom Meyers
President

Andover Education Association

Send info about Massachusetts

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am a student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro California. My class is planning a vacation for a project and I would appreciate you publishing my letter in your newspaper asking readers to send postcards, pictures or any other useful information about Massachusetts to help me with my project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cymone Bettis
Washington Manor
Middle School
1170 Fargo Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94579

Thefts ...

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ers in business understand all this. It's the small contractors, who figure they're dealing with local people with a local reputation to protect, who are more vulnerable. They are also the ones who are less able to afford taking a hit like this.

So, the lesson for the week is as follows:

- This kind of theft is not considered an offense against the state — the People of Massachusetts. It's just an alleged offense against you, the alleged victim.

- That means you, the alleged victim, don't get the resources of the state to help you track down and punish the perpetrator. If you want justice, you have to pay for it yourself.

It may not seem fair, but that's the way it is.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at
tarmerding@andovertownsmen.com



A month of women in history

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger and Carol Van Doren



"Herstory" lessons — Andover observed Women's History month in a number of ways:

- Above, left, Susan Lenoe and Jane Gossard greet Selectman Mary French (back to camera) before a presentation of "Alice Buck Goes to Town," earlier this month at Old Town Hall.

- Above right, Gossard, who portrayed Ida Jewitt, a member of the Andover Village Improvement Society, poses with Jackie Booth, who portrayed Bridget Flaherty, a housekeeper.

- At right, Deb Sorterup, who played Emily A. Means, the principal of Abbott Academy, poses with daughters Katya and Sasha Sorterup-Kaminsky.

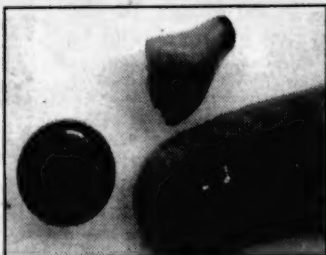
- At left, character actress Jessa Piaia, of Cambridge, portrayed Susan B. Anthony in a presentation last Saturday at Memorial Hall Library.



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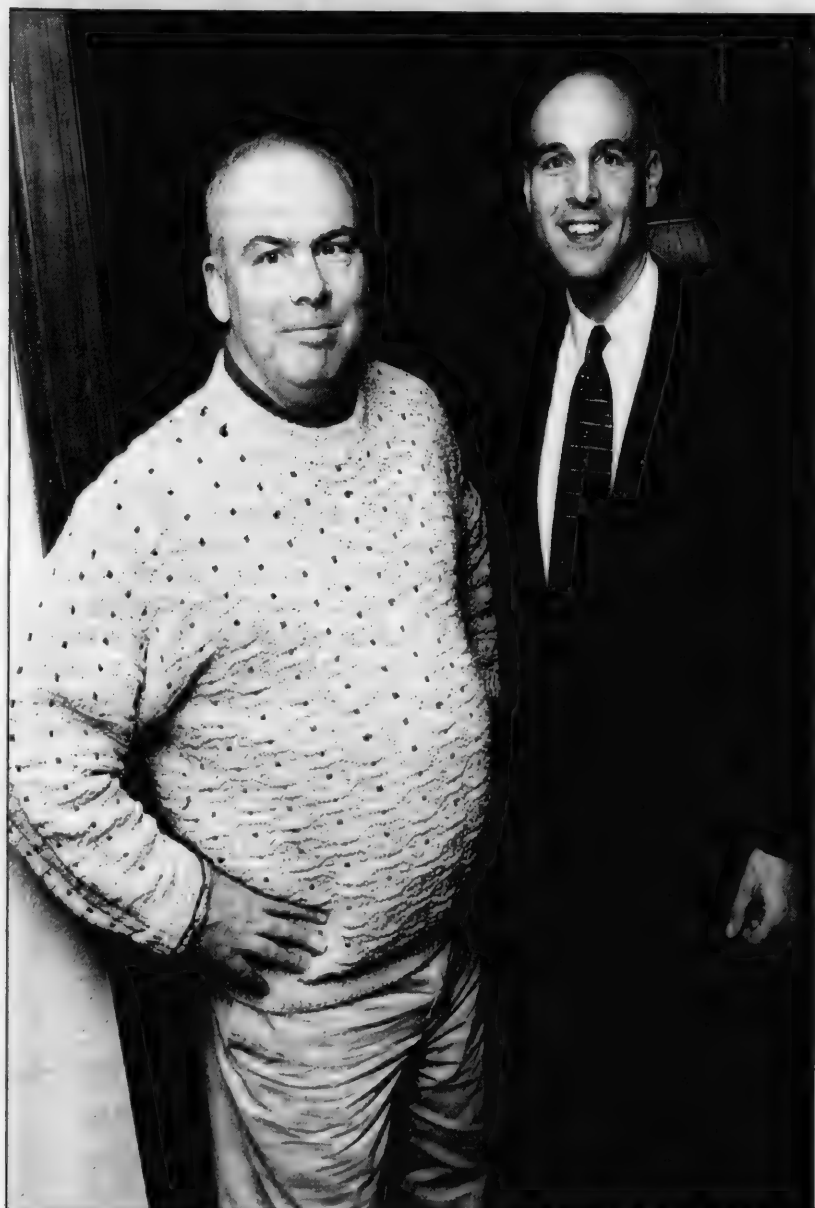


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Heads of Schools — Gerry Gustus (left) and Joseph Gleason celebrate their election to School Committee seats.

School races uncontested

At least no new School Committee members will be losing their hair over the rigors of public service. Gerry Gustus, left, and Joseph Gleason celebrate their elections to School Committee posts Tuesday night. Gustus is now a member of the Andover School Committee along with Skip Eccles, not pictured, who ran for reelection this year. Gleason was reelected as Andover's representative to the Greater Lawrence Technical School District School Committee. Gustus,

an native of Somerville and parent of a student in Andover schools, hopes to represent parent concerns on the board. Eccles, a retired math teacher and dean of students at Phillips Academy, earned 2,181 votes. Gustus garnered 1,774 votes. The race for Andover School Committee was uncontested. School Committee member Tim McCarron, who finished his first three-year term this year, declined to run for reelection.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

Reitman up for Boxford job

Dr. Jade Reitman, principal of the Sanborn School, is a finalist for a principalship at the Spofford Pond School in Boxford.

According to the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bernard Creeden in the Tri-town district, which includes Boxford, Tops-

field and Middleton, the team making a decision will make a site visit to the Sanborn School on Friday.

They plan to visit the school of another finalist next week.

A third finalist may be consid-

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Students say multiple advanced classes don't fit into their schedules

Schedule, state frameworks crunch AP science classes

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A combination of the semesterized block schedule and new science requirements, driven by state frameworks and MCAS tests, means students interested in taking multiple Advanced Placement science classes will have to specialize in science earlier in high school, some say.

Others say the change in requirements only affects students who had planned to double up on science classes in the first place.

While some students are concerned about their younger classmates who are subject to the new requirements, historically few students take multiple AP college level classes, according to Guidance Program Adviser Allison Brown Collins.

But clearly not all students are happy about it. AHS senior Andrew Lapsa wrote to the Townsman (Letters, Feb. 17, page 9), charging that the new requirements make it harder for students to take all three sciences (biology, chemistry and physics) at the introductory level and then take AP classes before graduating.

"AP science will be a near impossibility for upcoming freshman," Lapsa says.

As a transfer student, Lapsa hoped to be able to concentrate in science and keep a well-rounded variety of courses on his schedule.

"I think you should be able to do both," he told the Townsman.

Lapsa was admitted to Cornell's school of engineering on early decision, and is interested in aeronautical engineering.

But is a schedule full of AP science classes just for future rocket scientists?

Collins says a student who wants to take several AP level sciences before they graduate can do it if they are determined.

Andover High School offers AP-level science classes in biology, chemistry, physics, and newly offered next year, environmental science.

Students are required to take three years of science to graduate, according to Mary Ellen Duffy, science department program adviser.

Under the semesterized block schedule, a one-semester science class is the equivalent of a year's work.

To meet state frameworks and prepare students for MCAS tests, incoming freshman are required to take one semester of physical science and one semester of ecology by the end of their first year. This is the equivalent of two years of science.

AP sciences are not semesterized, and meet every other day all year so that stu-

dents are prepared for the AP test in May.

Teachers recommend that a student interested in taking an AP science first take the high-school level equivalent. For example, a student who wants to take AP biology is encouraged to take high school level biology first.

This year, students are required for the first time to apply for AP classes, a process that includes written assignments to be done the summer before the class starts.

"We wanted to ensure the students enrolling in APs were really committed to taking them, and were well qualified," Collins says.

In past years, it was not uncommon for several students to sign up for AP classes and change out of them at the start of the year. The glut of last-minute changes often did not allow students the chance to choose the best classes for them, Collins says.

AP class work should be the equivalent of a college-level class, and is not manageable for all students, says Leo Lafond, who started the AP chemistry program 14 years ago at Andover High School.

"I'm not being a nice guy by letting students take a short cut," Lafond says.

Some students say the new science requirements prevent advanced students from taking a pure science, such as biology, in their freshman year, and prevents them from taking AP biology in their sophomore year.

Duffy says some sophomores have taken AP classes, but not many.

Junior Rose Grabowski is a student in AP physics this year. She is also taking AP calculus.

She feels she can manage two AP classes at once, but says she was allowed to skip a year of math in middle school, which put her ahead in high school.

"You have to work hard, but it's not impossible," she says, adding that she also studies music as an extracurricular activity.

She took AP physics because Dr. Ron Francis, who teaches the class, was recommended to her by her sister. She is grateful for the chance to take such an advanced class in high school.

"A lot of us are very upset at how freshmen have to take physical science. It's totally going to cut down on (enrollment in) AP sciences. The only way to do it is to double up on biology and physics (as a sophomore) she says.

Educational consultant Joan Cohen, of Andover, says the changes in requirements,

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Schedule crunches science

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including the newly adopted application process, "seems in fact to be an active effort to discourage kids from taking AP."

She suggests creating a freshman-year science class that covers physical science and ecology needed for 10th grade MCAS that could be taken in one semester, or to cover some material in middle school.

"It gets back to the same old question about the semesterized schedule and its consequences. It forces kids to choose some classes

over others and specialize earlier," she says.

While some argue the block schedule may make it difficult to fit AP classes into one's schedule, teachers say the AP classes that meet all year under the block work well.

"It allows me to do labs when they are appropriate, not just when labs are scheduled," Lafond says.

The schedule will also work well with the new Environmental Science AP class, which would include outdoor field research, Duffy says.

Teachers say common

enrollments for AP classes range from 12 to 20 students.

This year, Collins says, nine students are enrolled in AP physics, 16 in AP chemistry and 14 in AP biology.

Duffy says 80 to 90 percent of students who take AP science classes at Andover High score a four or a five on the test, with five being the maximum score.

Teachers say Andover offers an unusual number of AP classes.

"I don't know how much more a school could offer. Most schools don't have the teachers with the expertise," Lafond says.

Reitman considered

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ered, Creeden says.

Spofford Pond, where Reitman could become principal, is an elementary school for third through sixth grade.

The advertisement for a principal generated nearly 40 applications, Creeden says.

The Tri-town school district includes six elementary schools, two each in Boxford,

Topsfield and Middleton, and the Masconomet Regional High School on the border of Boxford and Topsfield.

Reitman was once under fire from a group of parent volunteers for some decisions, including a routine teacher reassignment before school began last September.

Sanborn Elementary enrolls 483 students in grades kindergarten through 5.

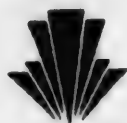
Reitman was not available for comment Wednesday morning.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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Parents will be attending the first four sessions with their baby (newborn to one year old). Four sessions will be held on Tuesdays, April 4, April 11, April 18, and April 25. The fifth session will be an evening session (7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.) held on Tuesday, May 7. The cost of the series will be \$75/family. The series will be held at TMC Playspace at First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover.

For registration or for more information, please call Marlies Zammuto at 686-4288 ext. 22 at the Child Care Circuit.

Shawsheen School open house is tonight

Shawsheen Integrated Primary School for grades K through 2 will hold a "Learn About Shawsheen Open House" for interested parents today, Thursday, March 30, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Registration for the Shawsheen School will take place Monday, April 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Call 623-8850 for information or email TMurphy@andoverpublicschools.com.

She Works/He Works talk scheduled

The final program in this year's Parent to Parent Speakers Series is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at West Middle School Auditorium. "She Works, He Works: Ten Things Every Working Parent REALLY Needs to Know" will be presented by nationally-acclaimed consultants and authors Joan Peters and James Levine. Drs. Peters and Levine will discuss strategies for balancing

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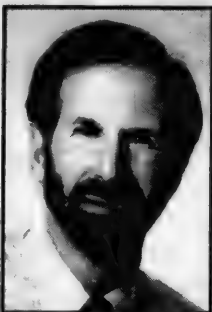
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Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, French toast and sausage, cheeseburger w/fries, green beans, peaches and milk. Lucky Tray Day.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, slice of pizza w/salad, hot dog on a roll, corn, pineapple and milk, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping

Thursday: American chop suey, French toast and sausage, boxed fruit dippers, peas, apple slices and milk

Friday: Chicken salad pita pocket, hot dog on a roll, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, pears and milk, snickerdoodle for dessert

Doherty Middle school

Monday: Roast pork dinner, Big Mac sub w/fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks w/sauce, fruit veggie and milk

Wednesday: Egg omelet w/ham and bagel, nachos w/cheese sauce, two hot dogs w/fries, fruit, veggie and milk

Thursday: Chicken fajita w/rice, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks w/sauce, fruit, veggie and milk

Friday: Cold cut sub w/chips, chicken McSchool w/fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Secondary schools

Monday: Barbecue chicken w/mashed potato, pasta w/sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub w/pickle, mixed fruit, veggie and milk, jello w/whipped topping

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, pasta w/sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub w/pickle mix, fruit veggie and milk

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, pasta w/sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub w/pickle mix, fruit, veggie and milk

Thursday: Two hot dogs w/vegetarian beans, pasta w/sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub w/pickle mix, fruit, veggie and milk

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Women's history event postponed

The evening of celebration for Women's History Month, Women Who Keep It Real, originally scheduled for Thursday night, March 30, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall.

Don't forget to visit the Community College on display at the Memorial Hall Library featuring Andover women or girls that were recognized for their courage, dedication, compassion, determination, ingenuity, or leadership.

Students complete project

Students at the Next Wave High School on Locke Street recently completed a six-week independent project we refer to as the "Jan Plan". Students used third and fourth period each day to research a topic of their own choosing. Each student wrote a proposal to develop goals and objectives, grading criteria and a plan of action. Students then summarized the results of their research in a final paper and subsequent class presentation.

The Next Wave High School, at 6 Locke St. in Andover, is an alternative special-needs program which serves Andover students in grades 9-12.

West Elementary team moves eggs successfully

The "Martins" Team which represented the West Ele-

mentary School, successfully moved five raw eggs over five different obstacles during the recent Region 4 Destination Imagination Competition held at the Andover High School.

"The program gives the kids a chance to be creative and uses a team concept to solve any challenge or problem" said Team Manager Melvin Martin.

Team members included: Glen Martin, Gavin McGiver, Robert Martin, Michelle Weiner and Kelly Cooke.

WERAWC 2000

West Elementary School had their fifth annual readers' and writers' conference (W.E.R.A.W.C.) the week of March 13-17. The week began with opening ceremonies which consisted of six performances by the student council and students at each grade level. During the course of the week the children saw ten authors, illustrators and storytellers. In addition, over one thousand parents came to school to hear their children read their own published book and receive an official W.E.R.A.W.C. ribbon. This action packed week was generously sponsored by the West Elementary School P.T.O.



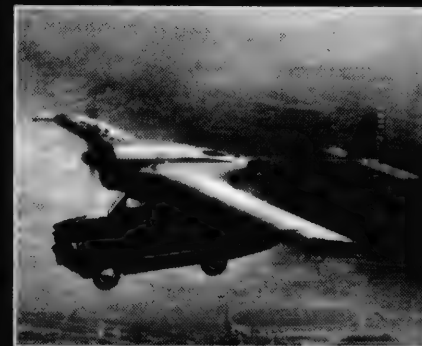
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News

Staffing crisis just one nursing home ill

By Rebecca Lipchitz

An Andover woman who once worked as a home health aide, specializing in one-on-one care of patients, took a job as a certified nursing assistant at a nursing home.

"It was a very desperate thing, and very frustrating to me," she said of that job, caring for "a whole floor" of people at a time.

"I lasted one month," she told listeners at a forum at the Andover Senior Center last Friday.

While she credits some staff at the home where she worked for doing the job well, she maintains that nursing homes are understaffed.

In what some call a national crisis in understaffed nursing homes, local legislators say lack of money is only part of the problem.

State Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and state Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, told Andover residents they plan to fight for funding to staff nursing homes, and hope to rally constituents for support.

"It is really time, in my opinion, for a moral outrage on this issue. We can't let the federal government off the hook," Tucker said.

Finegold helped organize the forum in response to a flood of calls he said he received about abuses in nursing homes, and reports of under staffing.

He said he will never forget the first time he met his grandmother, lying on the floor in a nursing home where no one was around to help her up.

"The problem goes beyond staffing. There is a morale problem that all the money in the world won't fix. There are certain decent, ethical things that need to be happening in patient and nursing-home relationships," Finegold said.

At the forum, attended by more than 40 residents, legislators pledged to fight for better regulations and more money, while also urging action from the community.

"Never underestimate what a pair of eyes and caring people can do," Tucker said.

Finegold recommended steps to begin addressing the problem, including 24-hour-a-day inspections to keep nursing home staff on their toes, taking anonymous consumer surveys to assess the quality of care without making patients fear retaliation if they speak out, and imposing stronger penalties for abuses committed against patients.

Ed Alessi, a social worker with the National Association of Social Workers, said a staff increase is just the beginning of a solution to the problems in modern elder care.

His association is also affiliated with the Coalition of Organizations to Reform Elder-care (CORE).

They summarize the causes of understaffing in three reasons: state minimum staffing standards are too low, wages and benefits are too low to keep a qualified staff, and certified nursing assistants (CNAs) receive too little training and supervision.

CORE recommends the first step be to raise minimum staffing levels to 413 hours of staff time per resident per day, as determined by national experts; raise wages by 10 percent and get Medicaid and Medicare to

include the cost of sufficient staffing and wages in their reimbursement rates.

Ellen Harris, director of nursing at the 174-bed Academy Manor nursing home in Andover, declined to comment without corporate permission, but did agree that there is a staffing shortage in nursing homes across the country, and supported any legislation to help the situation.

Johanna Ferguson, director of nursing at Wingate nursing home in Andover, said they were more fortunate than other homes when the federal balanced budget act hit.

Because they had made a point to negotiate the best deals with the vendors and contracts with whom they do business, cuts in Medicare payments were less devastating to them than other companies, Ferguson said.

Of the 123 available beds at Wingate, nearly 120 are usually full, she said.

In a time of great shortage of CNAs, Wingate "has pretty good staffing," she said. CNAs on day hours are usually responsible for six or seven patients per shift. CNAs on the evening shift are probably responsible for eight residents, she said.

She agrees that keeping qualified CNAs on staff is a challenge for any long-term care facility.

CNAs are often single mothers who must also care for their own children, and may have difficulty getting child care, especially on evenings and weekends.

Money is an important issue for retaining CNAs, she said, but flexibility of hours is more important.

Some CNAs who work weekends put in two 12-hour shifts in two days, and are paid for 32 hours and receive benefits, Ferguson said.

Registered nurses and licensed nurse practitioners also supervise the CNAs, she said.

"We're far above what the state requires based on occupancy," she said.

Meanwhile, one of every seven nursing homes in the state is going bankrupt, according to Tara Gregorio of the Massachusetts Extended Care Federation, an organization of nursing homes.

One thing that led to this, she said, is that Medicare and Medicaid has "chronically underpaid."

But others maintain that many nursing home CEOs are making profits.

Andover's Senior Center Director Jeanne Madden said she is not convinced that a shortage of staffing is the only problem with nursing homes.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Helping hands — Terri Catalano assists May Delaney with flower arrangements at the Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

She told the gathering Friday of the trouble she had in getting help caring for her ailing mother.

When her mother was dying, no one at the home could stop and call Madden. When she arrived, attendants could only tell her mother died "about 20 minutes ago."

But attendants did have time to take all the late patient's belongings and put them in a clear trash bag at the end of the bed.

"To me, that encompasses the whole problem," she said.

Madden said she was also concerned about how this experience affected her mother's roommate, who watched her roommate die, and remain unattended for so long.

"We have no long-term care when people are making profits. We have a community that doesn't know how to respond," Madden said.

Madden is quick to note that elder care is the responsibility of the community as a whole.

"The state is not the only source," she said.

Organizations belonging to CORE are the Alzheimer's Association, Cape United Elderly, Greater Boston Elderly Legal Services, Massachusetts Extended Care Federation, Massachusetts Senior Action Council, National Association of Social Workers, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, Service Employees International Union Locals 285 and 767.

Town rejects tower bill

By Neil Fater

Andover officials are hoping to get the state to hang up on a telecommunications bill partially created and endorsed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Both selectmen and the Planning Board have sent letters opposing the bill, at the urging of Andover residents.

The MMA supports the bill because it would prevent the state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) from overturning local siting decisions. ("Towering imbroglio," *Townsmen*, Feb. 24).

However, some residents are upset because the bill would also create two separate permitting processes for telecommunications facilities.

New towers and other structures would be considered "major facilities," and still require a special permit from the local government, as they do now.

But a 10-foot or smaller addition to an existing structure would be termed a "minor facility" and only require a regular building permit.

Shepley Street residents worry about how easy it will be for Lawrence to add antennas to the 100-foot tower just over the town line from their Andover homes.

"I have a feeling that if this legislation goes through, our property values are going to be devastated," says Noreen Austin, of Shepley Street.

"From a planning standpoint, I have a concern that the designation this policy puts on major and minor facilities treats the minor facilities a little too loosely," says Steve Colyer, town planner. "What they don't provide for is a tight enough review process at the local level."

"Hypothetically you could have a building looking like a porcupine... because (new antennae are) only regulated through a building permit," he says.

A recent court decision forcing Nextel to remove a tower in Franklin has even convinced Town Council Tom Urbellis to oppose the bill.

"Up until (the Franklin case, Colyer) and I had disagreed on this. I thought the trade-off of getting the DTE out of this process was worth it," says Urbellis. "(But) the Mass. Appeals Court in the town of Franklin removed the DTE from this process."

"I think the decision puts a whole new focus on the process," says Urbellis.

"Effectively this ruling in Franklin could turn everything on its ear," says Colyer. "I'd be interested to see what happens with this case."

Andover cell-tower opponent Patty Scarborough says that no matter what happens with a possible appeal, Andover and the state should oppose the bill. She says only 10 cases went to the DTE last year anyway, but there are many existing towers that would be considered minor facilities if the bill passes.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Major victory — Selectman Brian Major (center, wearing hat) celebrates with his wife, Margaret (on his right) and daughters Rachel and Danielle Marie, with friends and family including (back, from left) John Gemmell, Jack and Betty Bigelow, Teresa Russo, Norm Major, Peter Schwind, Annie Gemmell, Ed Higgenbottom, Mike Anthoine, Peg Campbell and Younja Gemmell. Middle, on either side of the Brian Major family, are Brenda Major, Colleen and Ted Georgian. In front, from left, are Meghan, Steve and Deanna Gemmell.

Selectmen ...

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Frishman celebrated his assumed victory at Teichert's victory party, and didn't learn the actual total until more than two hours after the polls had closed (see related story, page 18).

In the only other contested race, there was no such question. Long-time moderator Jim Doherty was elected to preside again over the Town Meeting. Challenger John Doyle collected about 21 percent of the vote.

Incumbent School Committee member Frank "Skip" Eccles and newcomer Gerald Gustus ran unopposed and were named to the School Committee.

Though he did not have to campaign, Gustus was at the polls holding a sign, and says he is happy to begin his School Committee tenure.

"I felt good two months ago. I felt good on Feb. 8 when no one returned papers," says Gustus.

About 2,900 residents voted in the town election, with just a trickle making their way to the polls through a morning rain.

"With the weather, we didn't see anyone until 10 a.m. Then it picked up a bit after the rain stopped," says Leo Bernard, of Cottage Road, a poll worker. "We really didn't have a busy time at all. It was quite calm all day. The toughest part was staying awake."

Town Clerk Randy Hanson says the town will not need a recount, because of the accuracy of the machines used.

Teichert celebrated his victory with family and friends Tuesday night.

"It's great when you grew up here, and you look at people who were selectmen, and you say I want to do that," says Teichert. "It's a great feeling."

He could point to no one reason for his victory over Robb.

"You know what, 20 votes (is not a lot). Was it

being at the train station talking to people? Was it the extra phone call? Maybe," says Teichert. "A woman drove by me (at the polls) and said, 'Ted, your sister called me. I forgot all about the election.' Without that, it's 19 votes."

One factor may have been the large number of signs supporting Teichert that were displayed on Andover lawns. Teichert had more signs than most long-time watchers could remember seeing in any recent town election.

Money may have been a factor as well. Between Jan. 1 and March 10, the reporting date for campaign finance forms, Teichert had outspent Robb \$3,541.20 to \$1,293.92.

Teichert's war chest was strengthened by a \$1,000 contribution from the Andover Firefighters Union.

Major spent \$2,506.50 and received a \$100 contribution from the firefighters union. His largest contributions were a pair of \$500 donations from residents David Vining, and Bert Vining, a student.

Robb's largest contribution was a \$500 loan from himself.

Both Teichert and Major say their top two goals for the coming year are to gain support for the two new schools, and for a Proposition 2 2 debt exclusion to pay for the safety center.

Major says another main goal for the next year is "making sure that we have solid plans in place and we, as a Board of Selectmen, are tracking each of the major projects. We need to know what's going to happen when, so we can communicate back to the citizens in those areas."

For Major, the election capped the end of a week that also saw his second daughter brought home from the hospital for the first time.

"It was a killer not to see these guys today," says Major, picking up his 28-month-old daughter, and referring to her new sister. "How can you beat this week? It's absolutely phenomenal. I'm still riding high. Last week, it was very difficult to

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The vote

Selectman

✓ Brian Major	1,906
Donald Robb	1,558
✓ Ted Teichert	1,578

School Committee

✓ Frank "Skip" Eccles	2,181
✓ Gerald Gustus	1,774

Housing Authority

Charles Erban	466
Michael Frishman	1,032
✓ Francis O'Connor	1,047

Moderator

✓ James Doherty	2,176
John Doyle	580

✓ Elected

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Win surprises O'Connor

By Rebecca Lipchitz

If math skills are not required to be a member of the Andover Housing Authority, Francis O'Connor is in luck.

He is the winner of the race for Housing Authority, topping candidate Michael Frishman by 15 votes. But at the polls, O'Connor thought it was the other way around.

The two stood together as results were announced, and when all the results were in, O'Connor came up with the first tally. He calculated that Frishman had won by 20 votes.

"I congratulated him and went home," O'Connor says. Frishman celebrated for a while as O'Connor headed for his daughter's house in Andover, where he got a phone call congratulating him.

The final vote was 1,047 for O'Connor, 1,032 for Frishman, and 466 for Charles Erban, making his first try for elective office.

Told of the mistaken tally by the *Townsmen* late Tuesday night, Frishman said he was disappointed, but took the news gracefully.

"Well, that could be one of the shortest terms in office on record," he said.

O'Connor said he plans to attend a meeting before deciding what he wants to accomplish as a board member.

"It has to be a team effort," O'Connor said.

Frishman, who has been active in many local civic organizations and served in public office in Andover, beat O'Connor in precincts 5, 6, 7 and 8, which include Frishman's neighborhood in Ballardvale.

O'Connor, a retired housing authority director, won the most support, a difference of 75 votes, in precinct 2 where he lives on Railroad Street.

He has lived in Andover for less than three years, but since he lives in an apartment building, O'Connor says he had many opportunities to meet with neighbors and ask for support.

Frishman said he made a point to spend nothing on his campaign, but ended up spending \$4 for "reproduction," or photocopying.

Frishman said he campaigned for free by doing newsworthy things, such as attended debates and functions and speaking during citizen input time on the agenda of local board meetings.

O'Connor said he did make some signs but spent less than \$100 on the entire endeavor.

Erban thanked the 466 voters for their support of his first run, and said he might consider another shot at public office if the opportunity arises.

PA student trial set for September

Expelled Phillips Academy student Nicholas Axelrod Panagopoulos will have to take a break from his classes at Drexel University in September.

He is scheduled for a trial in which he and his family are suing PA under the Americans with Disabilities Act for \$90,000 in tuition and emotional damages.

PA expelled Panagopoulos near the end of his senior year when he failed to complete assignments and attend classes.

His family maintains that his Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder prevented him from doing his work, and that the school discriminated against

him, and did not provide adequate help or accommodations.

Panagopoulos was granted a high school diploma from Lincoln/Sudbury High School in his hometown. The school agreed to grant him a diploma if he earned a C average or better during his first semester in college.

The family's lawyer Marc Redlich says the family paid for a diploma from Phillips Academy.

Phillips contended that Panagopoulos spent hours online, set up a computer network connection to play computer games with his friends, and missed many classes.

Flu fells 144 Merrimack College students

More than 140 students at Merrimack College were taken to Lawrence General or Holy Family hospitals Tuesday night, after complaining of flu-like symptoms that included nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and headaches.

Marie DeMarco, of the college's public relations office, said college officials do not believe the illness was caused by food poisoning, since some of those who were taken sick had not eaten meals at Deegan Hall, the dorm where most of the illness has been centered.

She said medical officials believe the

illness is simply a virus that will run its course in the next several days. She said the students had all been treated and released, and were resting either at home or at the school.

However, at least one female student, speaking Wednesday morning to WBZ radio, said she thought the school was hiding something from the students.

DeMarco said classes had been canceled Wednesday, but no decision had been made about the rest of the week. We're taking it day by day," she said.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, March 24 - At 6:05 p.m., police arrested Kenneth B. Savage, 28, of 100 Mass-mills, Lowell, for operating a motor vehicle after right to operate was suspended, seat belt violation, and having no inspection sticker.

At 9:17 p.m., police were called by a witness to the scene of an accident. Police arrested Mark T. Mandrino, 33, of 4 Highland St., Nashua, N.H. for operating as to endanger, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and operating a motor vehicle after his right was revoked.

At 9:39 p.m., police arrested Carrie A. Chagnon, 27, of 142 Marston St., Lawrence, on a warrant.

Sunday, March 26 - At 2 a.m., police arrest-

ed Maria E. Luna, 37, of 23 Pacard St., Lawrence, for driving under the influence of liquor.

At 2:27 a.m., after a accident with no injuries, police arrested William D. Dantuono Jr., 51, of 8 Ella Ave., Wilmington, for operating to endanger and driving under the influence of liquor.

Monday, March 27 - At 7:29 a.m., police arrested Rosa H. Crispin, 27, 130 Crowford St., Dorchester, for operating a motor vehicle after her license was revoked, and illegal possession of a class D substance.

At 3:46 p.m., police arrested Christopher B. Jones, 25, of 130 Crawford St., Dorchester, on warrants.

Tuesday, March 28 - At 3:23 p.m., police

arrested Jose A. DeSousa, 39, of 85 Glen St., Somerville on a warrant.

At 7:14 p.m., police arrested Jane F. Ferrell, 46, of 35 Juliette St., for assault and battery on a family member and threatening to commit a crime.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 22 - At 1:25 p.m., Andover High School reported an assault at the school when one student punched another student in the head.

At 8:02 p.m., a caller from Grandview Terrace reported an elderly woman fell in the parking lot. Ambulance was dispatched.

Friday, March 24 - At 1:41 a.m., an officer reported that while checking a building, he became stuck in mud. Requested Elm Street (towing).

At 9:25 a.m. a Harold Parker Road resident reported her dog

was attacked by two Akitas.

Saturday, March 25 - At 10:49 a.m. a woman came into the station saying she got a parking ticket at a meter behind Old Town Hall. Officer investigated and woman said she put her money in the wrong meter. She was told she can request a hearing at Town Hall.

Saturday, March 25 - A Wabanaki Way resident reported her son's guitar was stolen from a vehicle some time last week, and her mailbox was vandalized.

At 4:12 p.m., police summonsed six people for trespassing when an officer reported kids riding BMX bikes in the skate park.

Sunday, March 26 - At 4:05 p.m., a Stoneybrook Circle caller reported finding a purse and some clothes in the River Road area.

At 5:29 p.m. a Pine Street resi-

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Sewers ...

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think it's fair to change a horse in mid-stream."

In the past several months, town officials such as Public Works Director Jack Petkus have spoken of the benefits of changing the way Andover pays for its sewer projects. Petkus said it would be fairer for the town to use the so-called "uniform unit method," which charges everyone with a single house lot the same betterment.

If approved, the three articles would have charged everyone the same flat rate to have a sewer laid in their street. This would have reduced the betterments on about 800 of the 1,300 soon-to-be-sewered homes, say officials.

But because the multi-million-dollar sewer projects were approved last year under a long-standing betterment system that charges people based on a formula related to each lot's frontage and area, other residents who would see their betterments increased by a change were upset. They turned out nearly 200 strong last week for a meeting on the issue.

A handful turned up again at the selectmen's meeting Monday, saying they approved the article last year because they had an estimated betterment cost in hand.

"I wanted the sewer system too, but I want-

ed it at the amount I was supposed to pay," said Mike Roli, of College Circle. "I said, 'Yes,' to it because I knew what I was supposed to pay."

Selectmen themselves also noted that the idea of charging each homeowner the same amount had been addressed and defeated at 1999 Town Meeting.

"This question has been asked and answered," said Peter McLaughlin, of High Plain Road.

McLaughlin said he could picture this year's Town Meeting being marred by the 500 people whose price would go up, battling with the 800 whose betterments would be reduced.

"I would hate to see a public meeting, a Town Meeting, pitted in that way," he said.

Ed Weil, of Ivy Lane, said he doubted Town Meeting voters would look as favorably on a change in payment as they did on approving the sewer projects themselves.

"When people vote to tax themselves, if you can get 82 percent to agree on anything, that's pretty phenomenal," said Weil, noting last year's support. "You will not get a two-thirds majority to agree at this point."

Selectmen ...

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think about campaign stuff."

He says the age of the board - which has no selectmen with more than three years experience - should not be a problem.

"I think you have a board that likes to dive into the issues. There are previous board members that might put some thoughts into your mind about what's happened," says Major. "Sometimes, for issues like Ballardvale (traffic), where it's gone around and around and around for so long, we need to get away from the history and go in a different direction."

Major found out about his victory from Don Robb, who had called to congratulate him.

Robb says he will stay involved with town activities, including the push for new schools.

"I've got a lot of calls from people saying, 'There are a lot of things to do in this town.' I'm planning to do that," says Robb, who spent the past 20 years on the finance and school committees.

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Arts & Entertainment

Irish imports: Art in Andover

By Neil Fater

When many Americans think of Northern Ireland, they think of political strife — and maybe exported beer.

But there's a new Irish import in the Merrimack Valley: Irish artists. In fact, the work of five Irish artists has been brought to both Lowell and Andover to show there's a lot more to Ireland than meets the Eyewitness News.

"Americans in general have this image of Ireland. It's just a totally wrong picture of the North," says Art McCabe, an Andover lawyer who will exhibit Irish art in his office. "For us, on a personal level, it's very important to show the personal side of Northern Ireland... It's diverse and vibrant and more people should be exposed to it."

"Art, music have always transcended lines. This is an area that has made progress for a long time, but people haven't seen it because all they hear about it is the politics," says Mia Guerrera, project director for McCabe & Assoc.

But residents now have a change to see the progress first-hand, at two locations. The work of five artists from Derry, Northern Ireland's McGilloway Gallery, is being highlighted in a Lowell exhibition called "Fusion." The show opened Tuesday at the Lowell Office of Cultural Affairs, as a 40-member delegation of Derry leaders visited Lowell, which like Derry is an old industrial center.

That show will continue until April 20.

Then, there will be a permanent exhibit in the law offices of Art McCabe, at 300 Brickstone Square, Andover.

While American perceptions may not have changed, veteran Derry landscape artist Pat Cowley, one of two Irish artists visiting Andover this week, says a lot of things have changed in Ireland, and in art, during the past several years.

"In the early '70s, it was a dark world," says

Cowley. "The gallery I showed in was bombed twice. But somehow or other we kept going. I had to paint. Now it's vibrant. Ireland in general is moving on. We're in the dot-com world now."

"I think people are becoming more intelligent about art," says Terence Coyle, the other Irish artist visiting the area. "Certainly, they're becoming more aware. They're looking for something new and different."

Cowley and Coyle are two of the five artists selected for the "Fusion" show. The others are Alan Bradshaw, whose work was shown as part of a recent Boston exhibit to promote the Irish peace process; Gerald Moran, who frequently paints bays, bogs and buildings; and Mary Christie, who captures farm and coastal scenes.

When the Lowell show ends, about 40 paintings from the art gallery of Ken McGilloway will find a per-

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Captured by Coyle — Artist Terence Coyle, in the Merrimack Valley this week for the "Fusion" exhibition of five artists' work, in Lowell, has moved towards more expressive, abstract paintings such as the one above.



Dog walker — A Pat Cowley creation.

Saving effort

Hoping to keep a number of famous paintings in Lawrence, and ultimately find an appropriate venue there to display them, the small Arts for Lawrence group will hold a forum at Lawrence Heritage State Park, Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m.

The group wants to prevent any of the so-called White Fund paintings from being sold.

"What we want to do is inform and try to get people to know exactly what we're about. We also want to educate people about these paintings. It's one of the best kept secrets in the area," says Jo Meralla, an AFL member.



Claude Monet's *Poppy Fields* is among the works the Arts for Lawrence group hopes to keep in the area.

Favorite son Chiklis returns as TV dad

Michael Chiklis, former star of *The Commish*, is back on the weekly TV beat, laying down a different kind of law.

Chiklis, an Andover High grad, plays a stay-at-home dad in NBC's new sitcom *Daddio*.

In *Daddio*, Chiklis is Chris Woods, a man trying to raise four children, while his wife begins her dream job. Woods must contend with a son who tries to get away with everything, a baby, another son who wears a tiara and a daughter who's just beginning her teen-age years.

Dealing with the kids, however, looks as if it could be the easy part.

Woods must become part of his neighborhood's Mom-mies Group, which he tries to rename The Falcons.

As a member of the



File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Hey, *Daddio* — Actor Michael Chiklis, shown here in his role as AHS' graduation speaker a few years ago, is back in prime time.

group, Woods must listen to a neighborhood mom who tells kids they shouldn't play superhero or fight the Joker because the supervillain probably just needs someone to listen to him.

When she tries to tell Woods about the important differences between fruit juice and fruit drink, Woods blurts, "I know, there was just a big article in *Who Gives a Crap* magazine."

But Woods also has a new neighbor, a veteran who doesn't think men stay home with their kids. When the neighbor first hears Woods is cooking, he says, "Want to hear something funny? My wife's dead, too."

In the climax of the premiere that aired last Thursday, Woods says to the know-it-all mom, "You don't think I can take care of the kids because I'm a man, and this guy doesn't think I'm a man because I take care of the kids." But Woods plans to show he can take care of it all.

NBC is certainly taking care of *Daddio*. The first episode aired in the network's favorite slot for launching new comedies, 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, between ratings giants *Friends* and *Frasier*.

— Neil Fater

Pianist plays introduction to full weekend of music at Phillips

Phillips Academy music department is hosting three free, public programs this weekend.

For more information about any of the programs contact the department's information line at 749-4995.

First, tomorrow, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy music department will present a concert featuring pianist Carol Elowe. This concert will take place in the Timken Room in Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover.

The program will feature Johann Sebastian Bach's *Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue*, BWV 903; Johannes Brahms' *Variations and Fugue on a theme by Handel*, Op. 24; Darius Mil-

haud's *L'Automne* and Frédéric Chopin's *Nocturne*, Op. 32, No. 2 and *Barcarolle*, Op. 60.

Carol Elowe is the founder and the first director of the Portland Conservatory of Music in Maine where she is presently the chairman of the piano department and artistic director of the noonday concert series. Elowe was a Phillips Academy music faculty member for many years and long-time resident of Andover.

The master is in

On Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m. the Phillips Academy music department will present a master class featuring Boston violinist Lynn Chang. This mas-

ter class will take place in the Timken Room in Graves Hall.

A prizewinner of the International Paganini Competition in Genoa, Italy, Chang has had an international career as soloist, chamber musician and educator for over 20 years.

He began his violin study at seven with Sarah Scriven and Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Alfred Krips. He is currently a faculty member at Boston University, the Boston Conservatory, The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 1995 the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra commissioned the late Ivan Tcherepnin to compose a con-

certo for Chang and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. The work received the distinguished Grawmeyer Award, and in 1997 Chang traveled to Moscow to record it with cellist Alexander Rudin.

Chang can be heard in CD performances with the Boston Chamber Music Society, with Yo-Yo Ma on the Sony *Made in America* CD, with Dawn Upshaw on her Grammy Award winning CD *The Girl with the Orange Lips* and on New World Records performing works by William Grant Still.

Operatic soprano Kilduff

On Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m. there will be a concert featuring operatic soprano and Andover resident Barbara Kilduff.

This concert will take place in Cochran Chapel.

The program will feature music of Handel, Debussy, Strauss, Hundley, Thomas and Delibes.

Pianist Brian Moll is her accompanist.

The American coloratura Barbara Kilduff has established herself in both the American and the European operatic scenes.

Within one year of winning first prize in the Munich International Vocal Competition and the silver medal in the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, Kilduff made favorable debuts with the Bavarian State Opera, the Vienna State Opera and the Hamburg State Opera.

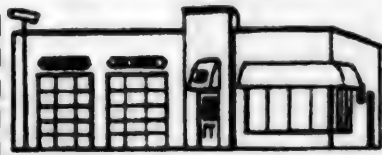
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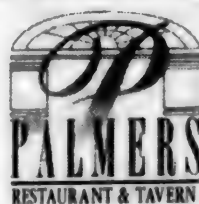
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Research opera, at the library

Sunday April 2, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library, Andover mezzo-soprano Roberta Gilbert, baritone David Frieze and composer and pianist Michael Turner will entertain an audience with "An Afternoon of Serious and Comic Songs to Delight the Senses".

Gilbert has appeared as soloist with the Boston Chorus Pro Musica, Newton Choral Society, John Oliver Chorale, Boston Concert Opera, North Shore Music Theatre and the Salem Philharmonic Orchestra.

She was the apprentice artist with the Santa Fe and the Central City, Colorado opera companies, and has also performed with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis and the Opera Co. of Boston. A graduate of the Boston Conservatory Opera Department, Gilbert teaches an adult education course in opera appreciation.

David Frieze has sung numerous solo and ensemble recitals in and around Boston.



Roberta Gilbert

For many years he has been the baritone soloist at Central Congregational Church in Newtonville and is presently a member of the professional choir of St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston. He has also been a member of and soloist with the Chorus Pro Musica, the John Oliver Chorale and Opera UnMet. Along with Jim Quinn, he has written six children's musicals, and since 1994 he has written a regular column for BackStage, a theatre weekly.

Michael Turner, composer and pianist, is a graduate of the Boston University School of Music and is currently pursuing a long-deferred masters in composition and conducting at the Longy School of Music. Since 1988 he has served as director of choral activities at the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham.

For many years he was the musical director of Boston's Public Theatre.

Eyes on Irish

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manent home at Brickstone Square.

McGilloway says he first started his gallery in Derry as a way of making art more approachable.

"The idea, initially, of having a gallery was to show emerging artists — people whose work would normally not be seen," says McGilloway. "We wanted art to be more amenable, more acceptable to the man on the street. We wanted a place where you weren't afraid to cough."

"We carry a lot of work in a small gallery," he says. "I clean the steps, I wash the toilet. I also select the paintings and hang them."

McGilloway could probably claim credit for discovering a number of artists, including

Coyle.

"Terry walked into the gallery one day with a couple of canvases and asked me to exhibit them, and I was quite stunned," says McGilloway. "When I see a good painting, though, I think, 'Yeah, but can he do another one?' He's been doing other paintings like that for the past seven years, and getting better."

"I must have been 17 years old, says Coyle. "I was always painting, and I remember going into the gallery and seeing the good prices and I said, 'I can do that.'"

McGilloway says there's a wealth of Derry talent to tap, and it's clear those involved with the project see the Merrimack Valley as a new audience for buying the works of these painters.

"We have a lot of rain in Derry, a lot of color because of the rain," says McGilloway. "You couldn't paint a bad picture. It's magical."



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Group venture — Terence Coyle, known for impressionist renderings of Irish landscape and abstract work; Mia Guerrero, who organized an Andover "home" for the paintings; Ken McGilloway, owner of Derry, Ireland's McGilloway Gallery where Guerrero first saw the paintings and Pat Cowley, known for his watercolors of Derry and Donegal scenes.

Are you a poet? Don't blow it

The Maudslay State Park Association and the Powow River Poets is inviting area poets over the age of 16 to submit up to two samples of their unpublished work for consideration in a poetry competition.

Winning poems will be announced at the Maudslay Summer Picnic and Feast of Flowers on June 17.

Themes should be nature-based, such as poems dealing with conservation, growth and renewal observations.

Poems should be no longer than two pages.

Organizers say each poem should be accompanied by a \$2 entry fee; your check should be made out to Maudslay State Park Association.

Organizers ask that people include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification of contest results.

Submissions will be judged by Alfred Nicol, an award-winning poet, teacher of creative writing and experienced judge.

To facilitate the blind judging of the poems, organizers ask that people clip each submission, without identification, to a 3 by 5 card that includes one's name, address and telephone number as well as the title of the poem and its first line.

For consideration in the contest, poems addressed to poetry coordinator should be mailed to Maudslay State Park, Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, MA 01950 by April 1, postmark date.

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Perrone among local acts

Boston based pianist Eleanor Perrone, a soloist with the Boston Pops orchestra, will perform Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Perrone's concerto appearances have included those in Sao Paulo and Campinas, Brazil, where she both performed with the Brazilian orchestra as well as gave master classes at their university.

As recitalist and chamber musician, she has performed on concert series in Alice Tully Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, Tsai Perfor-

mance Center at Boston University and the French Library of Boston.

Perrone's repertoire ranges from Scarlatti through Bach and into the present, say organizers.

In response to acclaim on her performance on the Beethoven Diabelli Variations, she has recorded them on a VQR Digital CD.

She also takes on a limited number of private students and is on the faculty of the Walnut Hill School for the arts.

Admission is \$7 in advance, \$10 at the Door, \$5 for seniors. Call the box office at 978-837-5355.

Double duty on 'Requiem'

Two Andover church choirs have worked together to present John Rutter's Requiem and will perform the work with an orchestra two times in early April.

South Church in Andover on Central St., will offer the piece at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 2, and the following Sunday, April 9, it will be performed at West Parish Church, Reservation Road, at 10 a.m.

Eunice Kim, the West Parish Church music director, will conduct both performances of the contemporary work, first per-

formed in 1985.

Some musicians say Rutter, and English composer, was influenced by Gabriel Faure's ethereal "Requiem" when writing the piece, say organizers.

Soloists with the combined 60-member choir will be sopranos April Foley, performing at West Parish, and Jen Ralston and Jessica Carter, both performing at South Church.

The Requiem, which takes about 40 minutes, will be part of each church's Sunday morning service, which lasts one hour.

Fax arts and entertainment information to the Andover Townsman by noon on Monday, at 470-2819.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 30

Oklahoma!, performed by Andover High Drama Guild, 7:30 p.m., \$10, tickets available from cast members, by calling 623-8616, or on-line at <oklahoma_ahs@yahoo.com> if e-mailing name, phone number, number of tickets and night of choice, tickets will be held for e-mail and phone reservations until 30 minutes before show, tickets free to those over 65 this night only, Collins Center, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; 623-8616.



Peddler to the metal — Postcard sales and more in AHS' Oklahoma!

Confetti 2000 Class, "Stress Reduction through Movement and Breath," 12-1 p.m., "Dancing and Drawing," 3:30-5 p.m., \$10 per class or as able, The Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; to register in advance 470-0988.

Grill 93, hosted by Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, The Comedy Palace, River Road, Andover; 888-865-2844.

Friday, March 31

Oklahoma!, performed by Andover High Drama Guild, 7:30 p.m., \$10, see Thursday, March 30, entry.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music

department, featuring pianist Carol Elowe, 7:30 p.m., free, Timken Room in Graves Hall, 180 Main St., Phillips campus, Andover; 749-4995.

SING-OUT 2000, presented by the Girl Scouts of Spar and Spindle Council of North Andover, interactive singing and entertainment with the Lawrence High School Ensemble Choir, 6-8 p.m., \$3.50, North Shore Music Theater, Beverly; Tricia Lentz 689-8015.

Our Town, running through April 8, Top Notch Players, Northern Essex Community College, 8 p.m., \$5, \$4 for students and seniors, Top Notch Theater, Spurr Building, Haverhill campus; Jim Murphy, director, (978) 556-3374.

April Fool's Fete Auction, benefitting Strongest Link AIDS Services, Inc. of Essex County, 7 p.m., \$45 in advance, \$50 at door, Glen Magna Farms, Danvers; (978) 777-5885.

Concert, featuring Essex Symphony Orchestra performing Mozart's Overture to *The Magic Flute*, Samuel Barber's *Violin Concerto*, featuring Mira Wang, soloist, and Robert Schumann's *Symphony No. 1 in B-flat*, 8 p.m., \$12, Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 474-1025 to reserve tickets.

YMCA Family Sock Hop, featuring swing dance instruction, romping time for children, babysitting for toddlers available, 7-9:30 p.m., \$5 for YMCA family members, \$10 general members, \$15 non-members, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; 685-3541.

Comedy Escape, featuring Mark Schnieder, Lauren Verge and Chris Oake, or Jim Colliton, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12, China Blossom, Route 125/133, North Andover; (781) 938-8068.

Confetti 2000 Class, "Dancing with Elders," 10-11 a.m., The Lawrence Senior Center, 155 Haverhill St. see Thursday, March 30, listing.

Confetti 2000 Weekend Workshop, "Introductory Class," 6-8:30 p.m., welcoming people of all ages and experience to create a personal form of dance/theatre, class may be taken single, as part of weekend workshop or week-long program, Friday evening \$15 or as able, weekend plus rehearsals and performance \$125 or as able, full workshop, all weekday classes rehearsals and performance \$165 or as able, brochures at Memorial Hall Library, Andover Bookstore, Dept. of Community Services and Phillips Academy gym; 470-0988 to register in advance.

Grill 93, Mike Donovan, 9 p.m., \$12, The Comedy Palace, River Road, Andover; 888-865-2844.

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Brother and sister to skate in production

Kelly and Kevin Duncan of Andover will appear in the 88th annual Skating Club of Boston production of "Ice Chips" on April 7, 8 and 9, at Matthews Arena on the campus of Northeastern University.

A portion of the ticket price for this year's show will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston.

Kelly, 13, attends West Middle School and will skate in the "Downtown" production number the Bostonians and the Cake number. Her brother

Kevin, 11, will skate in the "Clambake" production number. This will be the fourth time they have skated in the show.

"Ice Chips 2000" showcases skaters from the Greater Boston area and will feature well-known national and international performers.

The theme of this year's show is "Hats off to Boston." It is officially sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association, and is directed by Tom McGinnis.

Performances of Ice Chips will be Friday April 7, at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday April 8 and 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and may be ordered by calling 617-782-5900.

Solomonts to receive Merrimack's Tikkun Olam Award

Merrimack College's Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Relations will present the fourth Tikkun Olam Award to husband and wife Alan D. and Susan Lewis Solomont of Weston at the Seaport Hotel at the World Trade Center in Boston on Thursday, April 6. An 11 a.m. reception will be followed by the luncheon at noon. The speaker will be the Honorable Patricia McGovern, of Andover, executive vice president, external affairs, CareGroup Health

System and former Massachusetts state senator and chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Tikkun Olam award, which in Hebrew means "to heal the world," is presented by the Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Relations at Merrimack College to recognize distinguished accomplishments in promoting more peaceful and just social relations. Previous recipients include Gov. Paul Cellucci, Judge John Fenton, Malden Mills President Aaron Feuerstein, Bernard Cardinal Law, Professor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and the late attorney and anti-defamation league executive director Leonard Zakim.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Spirituality, A Lifetime Journey Discussion Group: What is spirituality? Bring your ideas as we explore together the nature of spirituality. This group will not be connected to any religious tradition, and is not a religion group. The focus will be on where people find hope, strength and meaning for their lives. Everyone is welcome. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 beginning on March 29 and continuing every Wednesday in April. No charge; pre-registration appreciated.

Spring Craft and Bake Sale: We will hold our annual spring craft and bake sale on Friday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We'll offer baked items, Easter goodies, spring crafts, decorations and a raffle. We are in need of donations of baked goods which may be brought to the center the day before the sale. We hope you'll stop by and support this fund-raising event. We appreciate your contributions.

Newcomers' Coffee Hour: Our next newcomer coffee hour will be held on Tuesday, April 4 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Any senior or family member wishing to know more about what the center

has to offer in terms of programs, classes, activities, trips, services, or support groups is cordially invited to stop by.

Fix-it Shop: The fix-it shop will be open for business on Tuesday, April 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for any small item or appliance that might be in need of repair.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, April 10 at 1 p.m. we will enjoy the movie "Troop Beverly Hills." Shelley Long dishes out the laughs as a woman with a Beverly Hills lifestyle who takes on her daughter's girl scout troop.

Theater Package: We are participating in the Merrimack Repertory Century Series senior membership program. The package includes tickets to two matinees: "The Front Page" and "Defying Gravity" on April 27 and June 8, as well as pre-play discussions at the center. Limit is 20 people, and tickets must be purchased at the center prior to April 1.

French Class: We will offer an eight-week conversational French for Beginners class on Friday afternoons starting on March 31, at 1:30 p.m. Those interested in learning the language or brushing up on their skills are invited

to register. Cost of the eight-week session will be \$20. Great for those who are planning to do some traveling this summer.

"Confetti 2000" - Creative Expression Through Movement Workshop: People of all ages are invited to participate when Turning the Wheel Productions, an intergenerational dance/theater company from Boulder, Colo., will bring their national project, "Confetti 2000," to us. We'll move, dance, share stories, and lighten each other's lives. You're invited to be a part of this unique experience. We'll get together on Monday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m. There's no charge, but pre-registration is appreciated.

Needleart Class: A new ten week session of needleart class will begin on Monday, April 10, under the capable direction of Carolyn Mattedi. Work in a variety of styles. Bring a project of your choice or Carolyn will get you started on one. \$20 for the session.

Computer Classes: Our spring semester will include classes in beginners, advanced beginners, novice, internet, word processing, and print shop. Registration for all spring classes

will take place at the center on Wednesday, April 12, and Friday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Numbers will be given out at 1:30 p.m. Due to the demand for classes, we regret that we cannot accept registrations outside of these scheduled hours.

Suzuki Violin Performance: Everyone is invited to join us on Tuesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. as students from South School bring their violin music and talents to the center. No charge.

Passover Seder: On Thursday, April 13, at 4 p.m. we'll be hosting a traditional Passover meal. This event is open to everyone, so if you've never experienced the cultural or historical aspects of a seder, please join us. Tickets are available at the center for \$5 on an advance purchase basis. No tickets at the door.

Visiting Artist Demonstration: All interested artists and non-artists alike are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m. when our guest artist will be Andover artist Elaine Meisinger. Elaine will be conducting a workshop in watercolor technique as well as showing an example of her "crinkle technique." \$5 advance registration appreciated.

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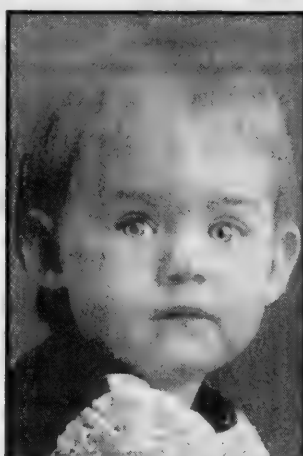
Bruce Lawton Waters

Bruce Lawton Waters turned one on March 8. He is the son of Bob and Karen Waters of Lovejoy Road. Bruce has a brother Christian, 7 and a sister Marielle, 5. His grandparents are Bill and Diana Mulley of Daytona Beach, FL and Ray and Jeanne Water of Cambridge, NY. Bruce is an affectionate boy who loves to give hugs and kisses. He also loves baseball caps, bouncing his father's basketball and getting into whatever his brother or sister has left lying around."



Gabriel Ray Levine

Gabriel Ray Levine turned one on March 8. He is the son of Katharine and Eli Levine of High Street. Gabriel and his older brother Ben celebrated with a party attended by grandmothers, cousins and friends. Those missed at the party were great aunts and uncles, Anna and Joseph Price of West Medford and Sydney and Anne Price of Swampscott. We also missed our adored day care provider Maria Auclair of Lawrence.



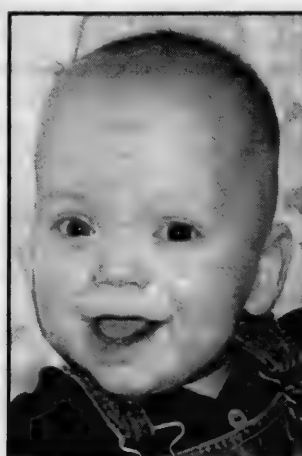
Erin McGuinn Cheverie

Erin McGuinn Cheverie celebrated her first birthday on March 10. She is the daughter of Jim and Doreen Cheverie of Washington Avenue. Her proud grandparents are Bill and Judy Robinson of Pembroke and Mary Herlihy of West Hartford, Conn. "Erin loves playing with her cousins and friends, going "bye-bye" in the car, cruising the living room furniture and looking at books."



Maxwell Ambrose Hurley

Maxwell Ambrose Hurley celebrated his first birthday on March 28. He is the son of Joseph and Susan (Carrick) Hurley of Tyngsboro, MA and the twin brother of Ethan. Grandparents are Robert and Jean Carrick of Andover and Joseph and Virginia Hurley of Tewksbury. "Max is a very happy child who loves playing with his brother Ethan and their dog Winston. He loves his books and building blocks. His favorite activities are clapping hands, talking and untying shoelaces."



Ethan Spencer Hurley

Ethan Spencer Hurley celebrated his first birthday on March 28. He is the son of Joseph and Susan (Carrick) Hurley of Tyngsboro, MA and the twin brother of Max. Grandparents are Robert and Jean Carrick of Andover and Joseph and Virginia Hurley of Tewksbury. "Ethan is a very cheerful child who loves playing with his brother Max and his dog Winston. He loves to bounce and his favorite activities are driving his car, playing with his toys and eating Cheerios."



Emily Claire Giammasi

Emily Claire Giammasi celebrated her first birthday on March 3 with family and friends. Her parents are Michael and Denise Giammasi of Methuen. Her grandparents are Diane and Richard Giammasi of Andover and Madelyn and John O'Rourke of Stoneham. Her great-grandmother is Virginia Davis of Andover. Emily loves to play with her cousins and grandparents. She also loves to play with her dog Toby.



Brynn Christine Moynihan

Cara Burnley Moynihan

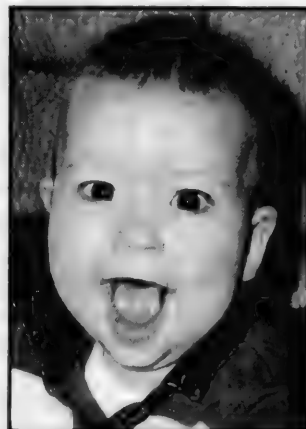
Brynn Christine Moynihan (left) and Cara Burnley Moynihan celebrated their first birthdays on March 8. Their parents are Martin and Susan Moynihan of Montclair Avenue. They have a sister, Kylie, 5 and a brother Liam, 2. Their grandparents are Carol and Joe Moynihan and RoseMarie Burnley of Montgomery, TX. Florence Steigerwald of Rochester, N.Y. is their great-grandmother. The girls enjoy playing tag, shouting for joy and chocolate milk.



Gretchen Sara Crum

Gretchen Sara Crum, daughter of Jenny and Phil Crum of Andover, turned one on March 24. Her grandparents are Ed and Sara Phelps of Prairie Village, Kansas and Allan and Mary Lou Crum of Olathe, Kansas.

Gretchen is always busy knocking down building blocks and reading "Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?". Gretchen also enjoys playing patty-cake, climbing stairs, throwing Cheerios and playing with doggies.



Jack Robert Waldron

Jack Robert Waldron turned one year old on March 9. His parents are Rick and Hilary Waldron of Westford. Grandparents are Bob and Jean Carrick of Andover and Dick and Brenda Waldron of Pelham, N.H. Jack loves music and banging things together. He also loves to follow his dog Ben around.

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Meghan Elizabeth Gibson

Meghan Elizabeth Gibson turned one on March 2. She is the daughter of Joanne and Scott Gibson of High Plain Road. Her grandparents are Jayne and Joe Iarrobino and Hannah and Sandy Gibson, all of Andover. Meghan is also blessed with three great-grandmothers, Leola Weideman of Andover, Margaret Iarrobino of Lynn and Margaret Hinman of Woburn. Meghan's favorite activities are playing with her big sister Emily, who is four, and playing with her doggie.



Aisling Marion Griffin

Aisling Marion Griffin celebrated her first birthday on March 8 with her parents Michael and Amy Griffin of Chico, CA. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Griffin of Andover and Jane Freitas and Dean Curtin of Lexington. Aisling has an older sister, Kallie Danielle, 3.

Happy 1st Birthday policy

Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having an April 2000 first birthday will be published in the April 30 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 24.

The *Townsmen* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month.

Ciaccia-McNally

Thomas J. and Mary I. Ciaccia of 9 Exeter Way announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Stephen J. McNally, son of Stephen F. and Carol McNally of North Andover.

Ms. Ciaccia graduated from Andover High and received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in special education from Salem State College. She is a special education teacher.

Mr. McNally graduated from North Andover High and from Merrimack College with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is an electrical engineer at Vicor in Andover.

The couple plan a June wedding.



Kathleen Ciaccia and Stephen McNally

Engagement and wedding forms may be picked up at the Townsman office, 33 Chestnut St., Andover, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hebel-Burgess

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hebel of Wilmington, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne, to Jordan J. Burgess Jr., son of Jordan and Suzanne Burgess of North Andover, formerly of Andover, and grandson of Mrs. Joseph Derby of Methuen.

Ms. Hebel is a graduate of Immaculate High School in Danbury, Conn., and University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is manager of accounts strategies at Fidelity Investments in Boston.

Mr. Burgess is a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield and Boston College. He is vice president of new business implementation at Fidelity Investments in Boston.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Jordan Burgess Jr. and Suzanne Hebel



ENGAGEMENTS

Radulski-Yonchak

Atty. and Mrs. Walter T. Radulski of North Andover and Glen, N.H., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Mary-Genevieve, to James Peter Yonchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yonchak of Nashua, N.H.

Ms. Radulski graduated from Andover High School in 1989 and from Villanova University in 1993 with a BA in liberal arts. She is assistant vice president of sales and marketing at the Boston Stock exchange.

Mr. Yonchak graduated from Nashua Senior High School in 1989 and from University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business magna cum laude in 1993 with a BS in business administration. He is an equity trader with Ward Conary & Murphy, a member of Boston Stock Exchange.



Kathleen Radulski and James Yonchak

The couple plan a June 3 wedding in Jackson, N.H.

Woods-Morin

Atty. and Mrs. Paul K. Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Ann, to Duane D. Morin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morin of Braintree.

Ms. Woods is a 1991 graduate of Andover High School and a 1995 graduate of Simmons College. She received a master's degree in physical therapy from Simmons College in 1997 and is a physical therapist at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Morin is a 1987 graduate of Braintree High School and a 1991 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is an assistant vice president at Scudder Kemper Investments in Boston.

The couple plan a September wedding.



Kerry Woods and Duane Morin

Herman-Tetreault

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Herman of Groveland announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lynn, to Eric Dickson Tetreault of Haverhill, son of Ronald A. Tetreault and Mary Ruth Tetreault of Andover.

Ms. Herman graduated from Pentucket Regional High School and earned a BA in Marine Environmental Systems from the University of Miami. She is a CDO administrator on State Street in Boston.

Mr. Dickson graduated from Andover High School in 1988 and received a BS in construction technology from the Wentworth Institute of Technology in 1992. He is the owner of E.T. Construction in Haverhill.

The couple plans a May wedding.



Eric Tetreault and Karen Herman

OBITUARIES

Elsie Gray Andover resident

Elsie Lillian Marhareta (Carlsson) Gray of Andover died Wednesday, March 22, at her home. She was 74.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Gray leaves her husband, Morris Bradley Gray Sr. of Andover, daughters Carolyn Redmond and her husband James of Andover, Maureen Pellerin of Methuen, Brenda DiPasquale and her husband Robert of Wilmington, Nancy Houde and her husband Paul of Somersworth, N.H., sons Morris Gray Jr. and his wife Cathleen of Salisbury, Dennis Gray and his wife Karen Smith of Maynard, brothers Albert and Walter Carlsson of Lynn and Carl Carlsson of Wetumpka, Ark., sister Caroline Midgett of Rockledge, Fla., 12 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main Street in Andover. A memorial service was held yesterday at the Marsh Corner Community Church in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701, Holy Family Oncology Department, 70 East Street, Methuen, MA 01844, or the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Paul J. Bibeau Longtime Andover resident

Paul J. Bibeau died Saturday at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. He was 69.

Mr. Bibeau was born in Sherbrooke, Canada, but lived much of his life in Andover. He was a parishioner at St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence and a member of the Lawrence Lodge of Elks.

He leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Rose Vancopenolle of Washington, brothers and sisters-in-law, Guy of Methuen, Emile and Fran of New Hampshire, Leo and Margie of Florida, and Rudolph and Anne of Methuen, two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held at the Hart-Wallace Funeral Home, 107 S. Broadway, Lawrence. A funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence.

Rose Marie Robinson Worked at Mears Heel

Rose Marie Robinson of Andover died Sunday at Lawrence General Hospital at the age of 88.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Mrs. Robinson lived in the Merrimack Valley for more than 80 years. She worked at the former Mears Heel Co. for 10 years.

She was a member of St.

Patrick's Church in Lawrence and St. Augustine's Church in Andover.

She is the widow of Merle Robinson. She leaves her sons, Merle A. Jr., and his wife Diane of Andover, Frank of Lawrence, and sister Rita Buckley of Lawrence, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 5 Mountain Road, Burlington, MA 01803.

Richard F. Murphy Jr. Great-grandfather to 14

Richard F. Murphy Jr., 92, died Monday at the Wingate in Andover.

He was born in Manchester, N.H.

He leaves his wife Helen (Budd) Murphy, daughters Lois Murphy of St. Louis, Mo., Constance and husband George Collette of Wilbraham, and Patricia and her husband Herbert Hall of Naples, Fla., sons and daughters-in-law Richard F. III and Ellen of Andover, and Robert H. and Carol of Merrimack, N.H., sister Marjorie Dickey of Cape Cod, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Burke Funeral Home, 390 Main Street, Andover. Cremation took place at Linwood Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Debra Stevens Moved to Andover 12 years ago

Debra Stevens, 37, died Tuesday at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

She was born in New Jersey. She lived in Lynn before moving to Andover 12 years ago. She was a former member of St. Pius Church in Lynn.

She leaves mother Phyllis Sibelle of Lynn, son Neil of Andover, four sisters, and five brothers.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Goodrich Funeral Home, 128 Washington St., Lynn, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. in St. Pius Church in Lynn. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Lynn, at a later date.

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Deaths Elsewhere

BLIGH - Gerald J. Bligh, 71, died Saturday in Naples, Florida.

He leaves his wife Ann E. (Collins) Bligh of Naples, Fla., sons Gerald Bligh of Andover, Dennis Bligh of Andover and Kevin Bligh of North Andover, daughters Ann Wright of Naples, Fla., Brigid Bligh of Woburn and Mary Halle of Manchester, N.H.

BARONE - Fred L. "Tico" Barone, 88, died Wednesday, March 22 in North Andover.

He leaves daughters and sons-in-law Elinor and George Kelley of Andover, and Lisa and Fred Bernard of North Andover.

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Mary A. Scanlon Worked for Herald-Traveler



Mary Scanlon

Mary A. (Coyle) Scanlon of Andover, died at her home March 23 after a short illness. Mary was 92.

Mary was born in Lawrence and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1925. She continued her schooling at McIntosh Business School and began her business career working at the Herald-Traveler in Boston.

She married Timothy J. Scanlon of Lawrence in Oct. of 1935 and moved to Andover where they raised their family. During those years she devoted herself to her children and was very involved in the St. Augustine's School Guild where she was a past President. After her children were grown, she was associated with the T.J. Scanlon Co. in Lawrence, the family business.

Mary could be described as a compassionate, loving and friendly person whose faith in God was foremost in her life. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved playing and especially winning at the game of "45's". Her most prized possession was her family. Mary, Mum, Nana will be missed.

Mary is predeceased by her husband Timothy J. Scanlon of 51 years and her daughter, Kathryn Mary.

She leaves three sons, Robert T. and wife Margaret of North Andover, William J. and wife Sotela of Newbury and Timothy J. of Sarasota, FL; one daughter Maureen and husband Ken Jones of Andover. She also leaves 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, also several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Charles Dewhirst Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover on Sunday from 4-8 p.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex St., Andover on Monday at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lawrence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Vivian A. Buehner Lived here since 1938

Vivian A. (Walls) Buehner, 97,

of Main Street, Andover, died March 23, at the Lahey Clinic from complications following surgery.

Vivian Walls was born in Millinocket, Maine, in 1902 and attended school in Canada and at Boston University. After working for a number of years in Boston she married and retired to raise her daughter. A resident of Andover since 1938, Mrs. Buehner worked as the Church Secretary of Christ Church, as an executive secretary at the Tyer Rubber Co. and later at the Phillips Academy Admissions Office.

In 1975, she married William Buehner. They have lived in and around Andover since then. Vivian was active in Christ Church in Andover and for many years donated her time and considerable talents as Secretary of the Church and to the Thrift Shop. She was a past member of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club and treasurer of the Church Alter Guild. She leaves a large legacy of needlepoint and knitting with her family and friends. She was beloved by her friends for her zest for life and her infectious laugh.

She is survived by her daughter Joan E. Reals of Lincoln, her husband William Buehner of Andover, five grandchildren: Peter of Sherburn, Christopher of Germantown, MD., Elizabeth of Riverdale, NY., Jonathan of Arlington, Michael of Somerville and four great-grandchildren, one of whom was named in her honor.

Friends are invited to funeral services on Monday at 10 a.m. at Christ Church, Andover.

Burial will follow in the Christ Church Cemetery in Andover. Friends may call on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Moses Chapel of Christ Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, Mass. 01810. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, Mass.

Norman J. Sheehan Formerly of Andover

Norman J. Sheehan, 78, of Second Street, North Andover, formerly of Andover, died Friday at home.

Born in Lynn, he graduated from Lawrence High after moving to this area. He lived in Andover for several years.

For more than 14 years, Mr. Sheehan and his wife owned and operated Coach and Paddock Restaurant on Route 10 in Woodsville, N.H.

During World War II, he served in the Navy. He attended St.

Michael Church and was a member of the Andover Knights of Columbus.

He leaves wife of 56 years Shirley L. (Nickles) Sheehan; sons Michael P. and wife Mary Ellen of Jenner, Pa., and Paul M. of North Andover, daughter and son-in-law Roberta and Warren Hunter of North Andover; brother Roland Girardin of Peabody, sister Gloria Sheehan of Swampscott, nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are tomorrow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Funeral Mass will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Church in North Andover. Burial will follow in Ridge-wood Cemetery.

Mary Duke Wingate resident

Mary (Johnson) Duke, 73, died Thursday, March 23, at Wingate at Andover Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. She was the wife of the late Alexander Duke II, to whom she was married for 51 years. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 31, 1926, daughter of Archibald and Mary (MacDonald) Johnson. She and her husband migrated to the United States in 1952 after WWII. She was a waitress for many years in Bennettes in Lawrence.

She is survived by a son, Alexander Duke III, of Sandown, N.H.; a brother, Andrew Johnson; four sisters, Jessie Lawrie, Nancy O'Donnell, Marion Herbert and Margaret Trayner all of Scotland; several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters Street, North Andover.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society in your area. Arrangements are entrusted to the American Cremation Society, Inc.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-7000.

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Katherine M. Zalla Worked for Tyer Rubber

Katherine M. (Buckley) Zalla, 92, of Andover, died Friday, March 24, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

She was born in Lawrence May 19, 1907. Mrs. Zalla retired from Tyer Rubber Co. in 1972.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church, Catholic Daughters of America, the Altar and Rosary Society, and was a charter member of St. Augustine School Guild.

The widow of Eugene A. Zalla, she leaves daughters Sylvia Zalla and Kathleen Zalla, both of Andover, son Eugene Zalla and his wife Maureen of Bingham, Maine, grandsons Stephen M. Zalla of North Woodstock, N.H., and Robert M. Zalla of Salem, N.H., sister-in-law Virginia Buckley of Avon, many nieces and nephews; and several first cousins in Mill-street County, Cork, Ireland.

Calling hours are tomorrow from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Funeral Mass will be Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 22 High Vale Ln., Andover. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund, 555 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01609.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Siller becomes vp of electronic engineers society

Curtis A. Siller Jr., of Andover, a member of the technical staff of Lucent Technologies in North Andover, recently began a two-year term as vice president of technical activities with the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Communications Society. The 55,000-member society is the world's largest association of communications professionals.



Curtis Siller

Siller has previously served the society in a variety of positions, including technical editor, senior technical editor and editor-in-chief of *IEEE Communications Magazine*.

Raised near New York City, Siller joined Bell Laboratories (then part of AT&T, now Lucent) in 1969, after completing his education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He came to the North Andover facility in 1971.

His research spans major areas of communications, including electromagnetic and communication theory, signal processing, wide-area public and private network systems engineering, packet and cell-based data network design, protocols for broadband cable systems and packet telephony networks.

He has published more than 50 papers in those areas, been awarded five patents, edited a book on optical networks and contributed to other network texts. He has received numerous industry awards and is a member of five honor societies.

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Andover Friendly's not targeted to close

The Andover Friendly's Restaurant will not be among those the Friendly Ice Cream Corp. is closing, a company spokesman said this week.

Vivian H. Brooks, speaking from the company headquarters in Wilbraham, said the Andover restaurant is not on the list of 80 "under-performing, company-owned" restaurants in 12 states that Friendly had closed immediately. Friendly said it planned to sell off another 70 during the next two years.

"The locations involved are restaurants with significantly lagging sales volumes and profitability versus the chain averages," the company said in a press release.

According to Brooks, the under-performing restaurants averaged \$520,000 in revenue last year, compared with the chain average of \$958,000. "And if you extracted the 150 that we plan to close, that would move the average to \$1.1 million," she said.

Friendly had 850 restaurants throughout the Northeast just 12 years ago. Before Monday's announcement, it had 683.

Brooks said the closings would mean the elimination of 110 administrative and management jobs. She said waiters and waitresses would be transferred to other restaurants.

The company has local area restaurants in Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen and Salem, N.H.

Brooks said most of the restaurants that closed were older buildings with "serious physical limitations." The new prototype store, she said, seats 165, while the older ones frequently had 60 seats or even less.

Friendly's President and Chief Operating Officer John L. Cutter, said the closings "came after months of research, analysis and discussion. We look forward to effectively executing our goal of being brilliant at the

basics."

The company reported total revenue of \$709 million for 1999, up from \$678.1 million the previous year. About 12.5 million of that increase was due to 59 weeks of operation in the 1999 year, compared to 52 for 1998.

It said weekly revenue increased 2.2 percent for the year. And it reported net income for 1999 of \$400,000, compared to a loss of \$5 million the previous year.

While analysts said Friendly is struggling with increased competition and is in a retrenchment mode, Brooks noted that the company opened more than 30 new restaurants last year, and plans to open another 30 this year.

"And we think they (analysts) who put us in the family restaurant category are wrong. We believe we compete against 'casual theme' restaurants," she said. "We are a restaurant with great ice cream that is also very appealing to families."

Raytheon CEO sees profit, bonus drop

Raytheon Co. CEO Daniel Burnham could perhaps look at a \$600,000 cut in his annual bonus as a slap in the face. The company reported this week that Burnham's bonus for 1999 would be cut 40 percent, from \$1.5 million to \$900,000, or about the level of his annual salary.

Then again, he could look at it as a lavish gift, in what some directors of the company called a "disappointing year."

Some shareholders might describe 1999 in stronger terms than that, since they took a much worse hit than Burnham. Raytheon shares fell about 65 percent last year, from almost \$75 in July to just over \$26.5 at the end of the year.

Burnham does share in that decline, however, since his stock options, worth nearly \$22 million in 1998, have dropped to less than \$7 million.

At least some Raytheon workers also took more significant losses, as the company announced 2,380 layoffs in October

from its Massachusetts and New Hampshire operations. Those layoffs were in addition to thousands of layoffs made earlier.

In Andover, 61 positions were eliminated last May.

Besides stock troubles, which came last September after the company drastically cut its revenue and profit projections, Raytheon has had other setbacks in recent months.

In January, a Raytheon guidance system for an anti-missile weapon failed a major test over the Pacific Ocean. More recently, the U.S. Army recalled Patriot missiles from units protecting U.S. forces in Korea, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

However, better news for the company included the recent announcement that it had received a \$162-million contract to continue production of 439 more AMRAAMs (advanced medium range air-to-air missile). Some of the work on

that contract will be performed in Andover.

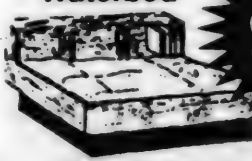
AMRAAM is a "software-driven, radar-guided missile that gives pilots the ability to 'launch and leave' and to engage multiple targets during a single engagement," according to a company press release.

Also, Raytheon announced that it is joining The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin Corp., BAE SYSTEMS and business-to-business (B2B) e-commerce company Commerce One, to develop an Internet trading exchange for the global aerospace and defense industry.

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Keith S. Willis, R.D.O., Dr. John McHale, optometrist, and Todd Berberian, R.D.O.

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BUSINESS

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Dynamics Research reports fourth-quarter results

Dynamics Research Corp., of Andover, has reported fourth-quarter financial results for the year ending Dec. 31, 1999.

Revenue from continuing operations was \$48 million, compared with \$47.7 million for the final quarter of 1998. Continuing operations recorded a net loss of \$3.4 million, or 46 cents per diluted share, versus a net loss of \$2.2 million, or 30 cents per diluted share for the same quarter last year.

Results of the fourth quarters of 1999 and 1998 include a number of unusual charges amounting to \$3.7 million and \$6.2 million after tax, respectively. Excluding unusual charges, net income for the fourth quarter of 1999 was \$300,000, or four cents per diluted share, compared with \$400,000, or six cents per diluted share for the same period in 1998. Unusual items in the fourth quarter of 1999 include previously disclosed restructuring and retention charges and provisions for estimated losses on fixed-price contracts.

For 1999, revenue from continuing operations increased 5 percent, to \$191.6 million, from \$182.3 million in 1998. The net loss from continuing operations in 1999 equaled \$8.9 million, or \$1.21 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$500,000, or six cents per diluted share, for 1998. Combined continuing and discontinued operations had a 1999 net loss of \$7.5 million, or \$1.02 per diluted share, compared with 1998 net loss of \$6 million, or 77 cents per diluted share.

YWCA seeks best business women

Carol Bateson, of Andover, CEO of Dec-Tam Corp., is co-chair of The Tribute to Women in Business and Industry, sponsored by the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, which called for nominations this past week. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, at 11 a.m. at the Andover Country Club.

All honorees will be inducted into the YWCA Academy of Women, a network of former honorees, at a special evening reception on May 4.

The event "honors area women of professional achievement and civic commitment," said Bateson. The honorees are making critical contributions in their professional lives as CEOs, entrepreneurs, educators, engineers, financial leaders, physicians and public servants, and in their civic lives as volunteers, mentors, activists and philanthropists.

"We honor women from all professional and cultural backgrounds and all callings.

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Outstanding — The steering committee for the YWCA of Greater Lawrence's 17th annual Tribute to Women in Business and Industry includes, (front, from left) Carol Bateson, of Andover; Rebecca A. Hall, of Atkinson, N.H.; Paula J. Fines, of Tewksbury; Mary H. Dow, of Methuen; and Ruth A. Keene, of North Andover. In back, from left, are Carolyn B. Temmallo, of Chalmersfor; Marie Gosselin, of Lawrence; Janice E. Burkholder, of Andover; Maron A. Spark, of Newburyport; and Virginia D. Barrelle, of Lowell.

recognized more than 400 area women leaders from large and small companies in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

Nominees should demonstrate superior contributions and exceptional advancement in their professions, and outstanding commitment to the community.

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SPORTS

Spring preview:

Baseball, volleyball teams look good

By Rick Harrison

Today the Townsman begins previews of Andover High varsity sports teams for the 2000 spring season with a look at the baseball, softball, boys volleyball and boys lacrosse squads.

BASEBALL

Over the past several decades Andover High baseball and success have become synonymous.

The Golden Warriors' program peaked with back-to-back State Division 1 titles in 1991 and 1992, and has remained on a roll ever since under coach Ken Maglio.

In his seven seasons as head man, Maglio has put together a 125-38 won-lost record (.767 percentage).

The 125 victories include three Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championships, two Division 1 North Tournament titles, seven consecutive Lawrence Invitational Tournament crowns and seven straight MIAA tourney qualifications.

Last spring, after finishing one game behind Central Catholic in the race for MVC Division 1 honors, AHS gained tournament momentum with early-round victories over Waltham (9-6), Lowell (4-3) and Peabody (3-2).

The bid for another North title fell short with a 13-7 loss to St. John's Prep of Danvers in the final at LeLachur Park in Lowell.

Gone from the 1999 squad, which finished 17-7 overall, are nine seniors including All-Scholastic pitcher/infielder Mark Rocca (now pitching for Villanova University), All-Conference and Division 1 All-State catcher Ryan Hanigan (Rollins College) and standout shortstop Rick Johnson who is playing football at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Other key graduates were conference All-Star pitcher Jason Daley (UMass Dartmouth), second baseman Christian Sempere (Rollins), outfielder Kevin Barry (Fairfield), pitcher Charlie Daher (Georgetown), infielder Nick Branzetti (North Carolina-Greensboro) and catcher Frank Fitzpatrick.

The five returning starters among this year's 72 original candidates are senior third baseman and Capt. Sean Lawton, senior pitcher/first baseman Rich Sheldon and junior lefty pitcher/outfielders Kevin Shepard, Danny Hughes and Jeff Volinski.

Lawton finished with 21 hits and 20 RBI last year, Sheldon had a .293 batting average, Hughes hit .286 and Shepard posted a 3-1 pitching mark (key wins over Chelmsford and Lowell) and a .350 batting average.

Shepard was also sixth man on the AHS boys basketball team that battled to

the Division 1 North title game recently before losing a heartbreaker to Cambridge Rindge & Latin at the buzzer.

Sheldon is still less than 100 percent healthy after suffering nerve damage to his left hip while playing in a touch football game last fall.

"Rich is still gimpy," said Maglio. "He's done some pitching in our pre-season games but it's been a long, slow recovery process."

Other returning lettermen are senior second baseman Andy Bellistri and senior outfielder Chris King.

The list of 13 newcomers is led by senior first baseman and Capt. Dave Powers.

Juniors in their first full varsity season are righty pitcher/shortstop Chris Caverly, outfielder Jeff Marshall, designated hitter Marty DeFrancisco, catcher Brendan Gleason, righty pitcher/third baseman Andy Yurko and righty pitcher/shortstop Mark Matos.

Sophomores are shortstop Chris Hanlon, righty pitcher/third baseman Tim LeGrow and catcher Ross Trainor.

Completing the 20-player roster are freshman prospects Jason White, a righty pitcher/first baseman, and catcher Paul Skinner.

"Our major strengths are the pitching staff and the fact we've been hitting the ball very well in pre-season," said Maglio, who is in his 30th season overall at AHS (22 years as freshman/junior high coach). "We can put a lot of lefty hitters in the lineup and that's a plus because most teams (excluding Andover) don't have a lot of lefthanded pitchers."

"This is a young team — with only five seniors and few kids with significant experience at the varsity level."

"But it's also a fun team to work with," said Maglio. "They all listen and work hard. Every day when we come off the practice field I feel something positive has been accomplished."

"Defensively we're strong and we have excellent team speed with kids like Powers, Shepard, Hughes and Volinski."

"I believe we play the strongest schedule in the state. We may get off to a slow start the first few games — but I'm confident we'll be in the thick of things (penant fight) at the end."

"The conference looks balanced this spring. It's hard to pick a favorite on either side (Division 1 and 2). Most teams are as young or even younger than we are," said Maglio.

The consensus among other MVC coaches is that Central Catholic is the team to beat with Andover and Lowell just a shade behind.

The Golden Warriors scrimmaged North Andover twice this week and did very well.

Other pre-season games are this after-

noon (Thursday) at Woburn and tomorrow afternoon against Greater Lawrence Tech at soon-to-be-dedicated Peter Aumais Park.

The regular season opener is next Tuesday afternoon at home against non-league Peabody, while next Thursday the locals host non-league rival Revere (both 3:30 games).

AHS will also play at Peabody and Revere to end the season May 22 and 24, while there is a home-and-home non-league set April 12 and May 19 versus West Roxbury and an April 10 game at East Boston.

After dominating the Lawrence Invitational Tournament in late May for the past decade, Andover decided to surrender its spot to Lowell and beef up its late-season non-league schedule.

"The Lawrence tourney is a nice event, but it wasn't giving us the kind of competition we wanted or needed heading into the state tournament," explained Maglio.

Other season highlights are the inaugural Baseball Showcase April 15 and the Aumais Park dedication prior to the MVC game against Dracut on April 26.

Other teams in the Baseball Showcase are Chelmsford and Division 1 South Shore powers Brockton and New Bedford.

Andover will play Brockton and New Bedford in games at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"We hope to alternate the Showcase site each year — going to either New Bedford or Brockton in 2001," said coach Maglio.

"We'll have T-shirts for all the players, Wilson is providing the baseballs, and some of the parents have volunteered to cook at a barbecue we have planned for the kids between games."

Returning assistant coaches are Kevin Rourke, who will help with the varsity, longtime junior varsity head man Dan Grams and freshman skipper Rich Robinson who doubles as the varsity pitching coach.

SOFTBALL

A not-so-funny thing happened to the Andover High softball team on its way to serious contention for the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 title this spring.

The Lady Warriors, being touted along with Tewksbury, as the most serious challengers for the division championship, may have hit a major bump in the road.

They may still win it all — but their success could hinge on the health and availability of ace pitcher Laura Stone.

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Peter Aumais Park coming together for April dedication

By Rick Harrison

Everything is rapidly falling into place for the Andover High varsity baseball field dedication scheduled April 26.

Those heading up the project announced this week that the official name of the field has been altered slightly to "Peter Aumais Park."

"The excavation work by Todd and Neil Bateson of Bateson Enterprises is complete and the horseshoe-shaped fieldstone wall is done," said Glenn Verrette, one of the project's prime movers and a friend and teammate of Aumais who was killed in an automobile accident in October of 1976.

New England Restoration, Rich Sylvester and Dave Welsh designed and built the wall and provided the architectural brick setting.

The arrival and placement of the stone piece will complete the granite monument, to be located just off the walkway behind the screen near the Andover dugout (third base side).

The inscription on the stone piece will read:

In memory of our 1976 baseball captain, Peter Aumais. His love for baseball, his teammates, family and friends will keep him forever young. Dedicated April 26, 2000.

Officials also hope, most likely at a later date, to put a sign reading "Peter Aumais Park" on the outside portion of the fence facing either Shawsheen Road or the Andover High main driveway.

Here's what to do if you want to be a part of the dedication project to name the Andover High varsity baseball field after former player and 1976 team captain Peter Aumais:

A bank account has been set up to fund the project and checks, made out to the "Peter T. Aumais Baseball Memorial Fund" should be mailed to Daniel Hayes, c/o Morris, Rossi & Hayes, 32 Chestnut St., Andover, Mass. 01810.

Anyone with questions, or wanting further information, may call Glenn Verrette at 617-314-2815 (days) or 475-0664 (evenings).

The dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26 before the Golden Warriors' Merrimack Valley Conference game with Dracut.

Coach seeks information

Any former player, family member or friend, having any information about Andover High, Pynchard High or Pynchard Free School football or baseball teams, please send it to or contact Ken Maglio, West Middle School, 70 Shawsheen Road, Andover, Mass. 01810. The telephone number is 978-623-8709. Maglio, head varsity coach of both sports at AHS, is looking for pictures, original or copied newspaper clippings, statistics, records, names of outstanding players or anything else that might help in researching the programs.

Spring preview: Boys lacrosse ready to hit the 'big time'

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Stone, a junior who won seven games last year and was voted MVC Division 2 Most Valuable Player by the conference coaches, twisted her knee the day before AHS tryouts while pitching in a winter league game.

"Laura is sidelined indefinitely," said fourth-year head coach Stephanie Ragucci Tuesday night. "The injury may not be too serious or it could be an ACL problem. She is going for an MRI (after Townsman presstime) and we should know her status one way or the other by the end of this week (today or tomorrow)."

Without Stone it could be a struggle because last year's co-ace pitcher, Michelle Carpentier, graduated last June along with other frontliners Kaitlin Dargan (attending Salve Regina), Courtney Famiglietti (Bentley), Lisa Sawin and Michelle Langone.

They helped AHS to a 14-8 record which was the best softball mark at the school in many years.

Heading the list of five returning starters are the three captains, senior catcher Jen Robarge, junior shortstop Lisa Tisbert and junior second baseman Taylor Traub.

The other veterans are junior outfielder Kerri Axelrod and Stone.

"A lot hinges on Laura's condition," said Ragucci. "Without her everything is really up in the air. With her we're strong through the middle without having to move people around to different positions."

Nine varsity newcomers, eight of whom were members of the JV squad last spring, complete the 14-player roster culled from an original turnout of 55 candidates.

Seniors with the parent club for the first time are outfielders Allison James and Jessie DeFrancisco.

First baseman Amanda Camelio is the only new junior, while the sophomore contingent consists of third baseman Andrea Manners, outfielder/shortstop Shannon Sciolla, catcher Kara Spang, pitcher Kaitlin Haugh and first baseman/outfielder Molly Riemer.

The lone freshman on the varsity is versatile outfielder/middle infielder Jackie Collins.

If Stone is unavailable the pitching duties will be handed over to Tisbert and Haugh.

If Stone does return Tisbert and Haugh will still be used — but less frequently — as the No. 2 and 3 hurlers.

"We have a pretty good mixture of youth and veterans," said Ragucci. "Our team speed is better than average and I think we'll hit reasonably well."

"The program is on the upswing and we want to keep it going that way."

Ragucci believes Tewksbury, with ace pitcher Amy VonKahle returning, is the team to beat in MVC Division 2.

There are no soft touches on the other side with Lowell, Chelmsford, Dracut, Billerica and highly-touted Central Catholic all among the best teams in Eastern Massachusetts.

Andover is one of 12 schools participat-

ing in a two-site Play-Day this Saturday, with half the games at Phillips Academy and half at North Reading High.

Each team will play five one-hour practice games against five different opponents at one of the two fields.

Monday afternoon the Lady Warriors have a pre-season game at Woburn High and next Thursday the locals host Pelham, N.H.

The regular season opens April 10 with a non-league home game against MVC foe Central Catholic (3:30 p.m.).

Other non-leaguers later in the first week are at North Reading (April 12) and at MVC opponent Methuen (April 14).

Andover has also been asked to play in the inaugural Methuen Invitational Tournament the weekend of May 19 and 20.

AHS plays Lawrence in the semifinal round of the four-team tourney on Friday night, May 19, at 7 p.m.

North Andover faces host Methuen in the other semifinal, with the championship and third-place consolation games on Saturday.

Coach Ragucci enters the season with a three-year won-lost record of 27-35.

She played high school softball in Woburn and followed with four years as a player (two-year captain) at M.I.T. in Cambridge.

The AHS math teacher coached JV basketball at Westford Academy briefly and is currently an assistant girls hoop coach at Andover.

Her softball assistants are Betty Ann Iannuccilli (JV) and Dick Loschi (freshmen).

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Returning starters Kevin Hess, Ryan Slavin and Kyle McCauley will lead the Andover High netmen into the 2000 season.

The boys volleyball team will be the first to see action this spring, kicking off its campaign next Monday night at the Dunn Gym with a home match against Merrimack Valley Conference rival Central Catholic (6 p.m.).

The busy opening week continues with matches at Lawrence High on Wednesday and back home versus Methuen on Thursday (both 6 p.m.).

Coach George Sullivan's crew finished last spring with a 14-8 overall record, which included a 3-1 win over Boston Latin Academy in the Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinals and a 3-1 loss to conference foe Dracut in a semifinal match.

Graduates from that AHS squad were two-time All-Conference middle hitter Ben Mertes, now playing club volleyball at UMass Amherst, MVC All-Star Dave Nichols (Virginia Tech), Jim Newell and Mike Johnson.

Coach Sullivan begins his 12th year at the helm with a 163-56 won-lost record (.744 percentage).

His teams have qualified for the MIAA Tournament nine times, won five league titles, captured a Division 1 North championship and played in one state final and two state semifinals.

Senior Capt. Hess is a setter and senior 6'4" Capt. Slavin a middle hitter, while senior McCauley is a setter/defender currently nursing a wrist injury.

Other returning lettermen are senior middle hitter Chris Morrissey (6'2") and senior defender Brian Galluzzo.

Newcomers to the 10-man varsity squad, elevated from the JV team, are senior six-foot outside hitter Adam Turbett, junior setter/defender Alan MacLean, junior middle hitter Josh Brooks (6'4") and junior outside hitter Mike Hamilton (6'1").

Hamilton recently returned to practices after a week-long bout with pneumonia.

Completing the team is junior outside hitter Andy Carter (6'1"), who is new to the varsity and to competitive volleyball.

"We had 55 kids sign up, including a large turnout of freshmen and sophomores, which made it harder than most years for us (assistant coach Dave Amundsen) to make cuts," said Sullivan. "It took longer to trim the roster down this year."

"Our returning players — the three starters and two lettermen — give us a solid nucleus. We should be able to run some plays with them."

"Our passing and serving has been good during the pre-season," said Sullivan. "Blocking has been the problem — but we hope to be much improved by the first match."

"I'm optimistic and the kids are convinced we can do well."

Sullivan points to traditional power St. John's Prep of Danvers as the team to beat in the MVC. Andover, Lawrence and possibly Lowell appear to be just a step behind.

"St. John's looks very strong but we could challenge for the top," said the coach.

Andover hosted Cambridge Rindge & Latin, Lawrence, Haverhill, Weymouth and St. John's Prep in a six-team Play-Day at the Dunn Gym last Saturday.

A similar pre-season event is scheduled this Saturday at AHS with Boston Latin Academy, Central Catholic, Newton South, Lawrence and Haverhill scheduled to participate.

The final practice match will be at Cambridge Rindge and Latin.

Several time and site changes were made recently which vary from the schedule published in last week's Townsman.

- The April 18 match at Haverhill, during spring vacation week, will start at 10 a.m. rather than 3:30 p.m.

- The April 24 match will be at Billerica rather than home.

- The May 5 match at Methuen has a 4 p.m. start rather than 3:30.

- The May 10 match at Westford Academy will start at 6 p.m. rather than 3:30.

- The May 17 match at St. John's Prep will start at 6 p.m. rather than 3:30.

- The May 19 match scheduled at Billerica has been moved to May 18 and will be the annual "Senior Night" at the Dunn Gym.

BOYS LACROSSE

After testing the waters last spring as a club team, playing primarily a junior varsity schedule with three fledgling varsity teams mixed in, Andover High boys lacrosse is ready to hit the "big time."

The Golden Warriors have joined the East Division of the Eastern Mass. League and will play a 16-game schedule against a variety of new and well-established varsity teams.

"We hope to qualify for the (Division 1) tournament," said second-year coach Wayne Puglisi, whose team must win at least eight of its 16 games to make the grade. "That's our main objective this spring as we continue to build the program."

"Even if we come close — without making it — we'll be pleased because it means the program will get off on the right foot."

Last spring Andover played its 12-game sub-varsity schedule and went 9-3.

Three seniors graduated from that team while four starters — all underclassmen — return.

This year's nucleus of veteran players consists of junior defenseman Jim Hale, sophomore attack Troy Lieberman, junior goaltender Chris Cataldo and sophomore goalie Alex Gostanian.

Senior midfielder Andy Ryan lettered last spring, while the most promising varsity newcomers are senior midfielder Charlie Gregory and sophomore attack Oliver Gregory.

"We had a strong turnout of 67 kids and we kept 50 of them — 25 on the varsity and 25 on the junior varsity," said Puglisi.

"Our strength will be the defense. We're OK but still need work on offensive skills."

"It's a much tougher schedule. We're going up against some established programs like Beverly, Ipswich and North Andover which will probably be the strongest teams in the East Division."

Non-league opponents include Medfield and Lexington, while a second game against North Andover is also classified as non-league.

Andover had a pre-season game against Malden Catholic and travels to Beverly High this Saturday for a 10 a.m. tri-scrimmage with Duxbury, Waltham and the host school.

The season opener is next Tuesday afternoon at home against Swampscott (4 p.m.).

Home games will be played at the field behind the Doherty Middle School, except for night games May 16 and 19 versus Ipswich and North Andover which are under the lights at Andover High's Lovely Field (7 p.m.).

Two other night games are on the road at North Andover (April 17) and Lowell (May 12).

Coach Puglisi played high school lacrosse at Londonderry, N.H. and college lacrosse at Springfield.

A Methuen resident and physical education teacher at Andover High, Puglisi had previous coaching stints as an assistant at Winchester (six years) and Londonderry (one year).

Junior varsity coach is AHS guidance counselor Todd Zahurak.

Andover well-represented at Judo championship

Judo has never been considered a major amateur sport in New England. Locals who coveted the secret of the sport are now basking in notoriety.

The 2000 Massachusetts State Open Judo Championship was held March 12 at Andover's West Middle School. The tournament drew competitors from all over the northeast, as well as the east-seaboard. Competition in state championships is a requirement for the amateur Judo nationals this summer.

But this year's tournament drew an unusually large number of competitors. "The 2000 Mass State Open was the biggest and most well-attended Judo event in Massachusetts in over 20 years," said Jim Pedro, owner of Pedro's Judo Club in Andover, and host of the event. Expecting about 100 competitors, the tournament drew in 220 Judo players.

Pedro, a Lawrence resident, was one reason for the high attendance. Current world champion, Pedro was also the 1996 Olympic bronze medalist, and is preparing for his third trip into Olympic history as the gold medal favorite in his weight class.

There were two other 2000 Judo Olympians in attendance: Jason Morris, the 1992 Olympic Silver medalist who will be heading to the Olympics for the fourth time, and 1999 US National Judo Champion Alex Ottiano, who will be heading to the Olympics for the first time. Two of the three Olympians also placed at this year's Pan Am Games, Ottiano winning a

bronze medal, and Pedro capturing the gold.

This year's state tournament brought back Judo tradition by sponsoring a team competition at the end of the long day. The Junior Boys' Team trophy went home with Starrett Judo Club from New York, while Pedro's Judo Club won the Junior Girls' Team trophy.

"I am extremely proud of my team's performance," Pedro said. "They showed a lot of courage, heart, and determination in claiming the Girls' Team championship and a second place in the Boys' Team event. They definitely beat some quality opponents, some of whom own National titles." The club's momentum carried them through the recent Connecticut State and Northeast Judo championships, as well as prepared them for two major tournaments coming

in April: The LaFreniere Memorial Invitational in Norwich, Connecticut, and the Liberty Bell Judo Classic in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

With tournaments like this continuing to grow in attendance, Judo is rapidly becoming a major force in New England amateur sports. With luck, and with talent like Pedro, Morris, and Ottiano leading the way into the 2000 Olympics, Judo's coveted secrecy might be gone forever.

Pedro's Judo Club of Andover had several winners at the 2000 Massachusetts State Judo Championship. Placing first were Grando Dolcimar, Clare Sullivan, Biyanna Sullivan, Shirley Yacubowicz, Akira Sembommatu, Cody Byrd, and Leon Fay. Placing second were John Sughrue, Gordon Smith, and Andrew Iannazzi. Placing third were Will

Payne, Mike Procopio, George Pissimis, Kathryn Sawyer, and Robert Sullivan. Pedro's Junior Girls' Team took home the first place trophy, while the Junior Boys' Team took home the second place trophy. Other participants from Pedro's Judo Club who fought in the

individual and team competition are Alex Sciolla, Rick Silk, Kevin Sughrue, Boris Revsin, Andrew Ivanovich, Jarad Smith, Kimberly Chandler, Blake Wondrasch, Elyse Poor, Evan Greer, Torey Nicholson, Crosby Nicholson, Michael Pedro, and Ross McCree.

SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

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Sue Cookson of Andover, a senior standout on the Merrimack College women's soccer team,

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SportsTalk

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has been named to the Women's Fall/Winter At-Large New England GTE Academic All-America third team.

Cookson led the

Lady Warriors to its first Northeast-10 Conference Tournament championship since 1990 — earning Merrimack a spot in the Division 2 NCAA Regional Tournament.

She appeared in all 20 games and fin-

ished the season with four goals and 15 assists.

Cookson was also named to the NE-10 All-Conference team for the third consecutive year and the NSCAA New England All-America first team.

She has a 3.34 grade point average while majoring in psychology.

Mark Langone of

Andover, the Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year in baseball in 1999, continues his torrid early-season play for

the Chieftains this spring.

Stonehill won four games on its Florida trip before returning home to drop its

north opener to Boston College.

Langone, a senior pitcher/infielder, was batting .314 after the first five games.

Doucett skis to victory over 30 others

James Doucett of Andover skied to victory in the men's category at the Geschmossel 15 Kilometer Classical Ski race held Jan. 23, at Bretton Woods cross country ski resort in Bretton Woods, N.H.

Doucett covered the course in 53:54 seconds, taking high honors in a field of 30 racers.

Originally staged during the winter of 1972-73, the Geschmossel is one of New Eng-

land's oldest citizens' races. The original racecourse at Bretton Woods was groomed with a homemade track sled that was pulled by a rope from a grooming machine.

This year's Geschmossel provided a double tracked ski surface set by a state-of-the-art Bombardier grooming machine. Today's trails are also considerably wider and smoother than those raced in the early 1970s.

Hurricanes swim to top spots

Andover/North Andover Hurricanes capped off a winning season with many of the age groups winning first place at the 2000 Eastern Massachusetts YMCA District Championships. The meet took place February 5-6 and February 12-13 at Medford High School. The Eastern Massachusetts district has among the fastest time standards and eligibility into a District Championship, and also the most participants in the country with 35 teams in the league.

After an exciting undefeated season, each of the following age groups went on to become the champions of the Eastern Massa-

chusetts YMCA District: 8 and under girls, 9-10 girls, 11-12 girls, 13-14 girls, and 8 and under boys.

ANA Hurricanes Lauren Harlow also broke the Eastern Massachusetts 200 Individual Medley record with a winning time of 2:13.

Many of the swimmers have qualified for the next level of meets, the Y New England Championships which were held at Brown University March 25-26 and East Field YMCA Championships to be held at University of Maryland

Lundstrom places second in JV invitational

Troy Lundstrom, an Andover High freshman, placed second in the Junior Varsity All State Invitational Tournament at Wayland H.S. on Feb. 22. Lundstrom wrestled as an independent in the eight-man, 160-lb. class bracket working his way into the gold medal round by defeating Brian King of Weston (4-3) and Gabe Nicola of Central Catholic (11-4).

Lundstrom lost a heart breaker to Jason

Bradley of St. John's Prep by a pin with 15 seconds to go in the third and final period after dominating the match by a score of 9-3.

"I love wrestling," said Troy. "It's just like a chess game, only you get to use your body as well as your head. I only wish that people wouldn't judge Andover kids as a bunch of softies, there's a lot of tough kids in town. It's not our fault we don't have a team."

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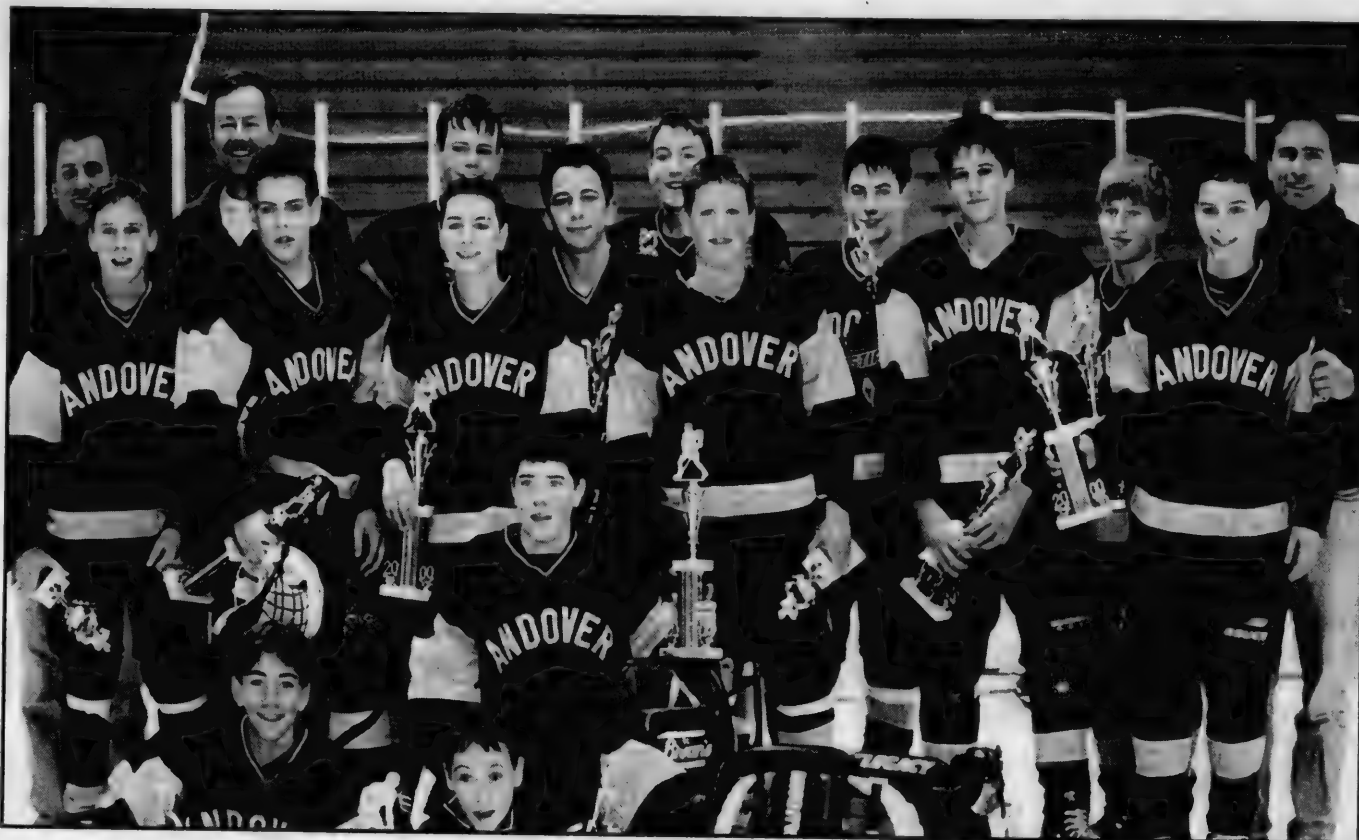
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Andover cruised past Stoneham 6-0, dominated Tewksbury 4-1, crushed Quincy 9-0 and beat Saugus, 9-0, for the cup.

The team of 12- and 13-year-old boys are, from left, back row: Coach Rich MacDonald, Coach Frank McCarthy, John McCarthy, James MacDonald, Matt Hennessey, Geoffrey Stevens and Coach Tom McNamara. Second row, from left: Lino Patti, Tom Cahill, Dan Ravens, Matt Quinlan, John Iannelli and Buddy Farnham. Front row, from left: Jeff Borstell, Craig Espinola and Tommy McNamara.



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CALENDAR

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Saturday, April 1

Oklahoma!, performed by Andover High Drama Guild, two shows, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$10, see *Thursday, March 30, entry*.

Master class, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring Boston violinist Lynn Chang, 2 p.m., Timken Room in Graves Hall, 180 Main St., Andover; 749-4995.

Chance drawing, sponsored by Friends Fighting Breast Cancer, grand prize of round-trip air fare to anywhere in the continental U.S. and three-night stay at Robert Redford's Sundance Resort in Utah, Second prize is \$500 gift certificate to Jordan's Furniture, third prize, an overnight stay at the Marriott Hotel in Cambridge including breakfast and dinner, \$20 per ticket; call 664-6947 by April 1.

Open House, presented by Music Together of the Andovers, demonstration for parents or caregivers and their infant, toddler and preschool children, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St., Andover; Rosemary Halloran 688-3326.

Lecture, History and Lore of Indigo Textiles, by Yolanda Hood, exhibit through May 21, New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, \$10, \$5 members; 452-4207.

Our Town, Top Notch Players, Northern Essex Community College, see *Friday, March 31, listing*.

Auditions, Push Factor Dance Company, dancers ages 16 and older wanted for jazz, ballet and tap, male dancers attire: t-shirt and dance pants, female dancers attire: leotard and tights, doors open at noon, auditions 2 p.m., come early to warm up, bring picture, resume, all shoes, Push Factor, 7 Hampshire St., Methuen; (978) 975-7668.

Mystical Arts of Tibet, sponsored by Richard Gere Productions, endorsed by the Dalai Lama, featuring masked dances, 8 p.m., \$18 in advance, \$20 at door, \$15 seniors, Rogers Center, Merrimack College; (978) 837-5355.



Mysticism and masks — Tibetan dance enlivens Rogers Center.

Spring Fling, sponsored by Andover Society and Andover/North Andover YMCA, for all Andover 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, DJ, dancing, kickboxing, swimming, sports games and moon walk, pizza, snacks and soda, raffle, parent permission slip required, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$8, YMCA; Nancy Vieira, 975-5394.

Confetti 2000 Weekend Workshop, 10-4 p.m., Phillips Academy Gymnasium, see *Friday, March 31, listing*.

Grill 93, Mike Donovan, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$12, The Erotic Hypnotic, Joey Devito, 10:30 p.m., \$12, The Comedy Palace, River Road, Andover; 888-865-2844.

Sunday, April 2

Mapapa Acrobats of Kenya and the Tropicana Dancers, presented as part of Discovery Series, sponsored by Greater Lowell Pediatrics, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., \$9, \$7 in advance for groups of 10 or more, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., UMass Lowell South campus; (978) 934-4444.



Piled high — and performing Sunday are Kenyan acrobats.

Eighth Annual Benefit concert to sponsor a Haitian Child, performed by Merrimack Valley Suzuki Strings, 3 p.m., featuring the music of Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, Schumann, Mozart and more, performed by 40 violinists and cellists ages 4-16, tickets at door or over phone, \$6 adults, \$4 students and seniors, First Church Congregational, 40 Georgetown Road, East Boxford; 685-7844.

For Art's Sake 2, sponsored by Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley, featuring art, music, silent auction, wine-and-cheese reception, 2-5 p.m., \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$50 with two tickets for patron, \$100 or more with four tickets for individual/corporate sponsor, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover; (978) 683-6711.

Requiem, performed with an orchestra as part of a church service by two Andover's West Parish and South church choirs, 10:30 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover; 475-0321.

Hike, through Boxford State Forest, sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Club, 6-7 miles, 10:30 a.m., meet at East Boxford Library, bring lunch and drinks; L. Steve Davis (978) 352-2250.

Concert, featuring pianist Eleanor Perrone, 3 p.m., \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door at the Rogers Center for Performing Arts, Merrimack College; (978) 837-5355.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring operatic soprano Barbara Kilduff, with accompanist Brian Moll, 3 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover; 749-4995.

Confetti 2000 Weekend Workshop, 10-4 p.m., Phillips Academy Gymnasium, see *Friday, March 31, listing*.

Concert, performed by Essex Chamber Music Players, 4 p.m., \$8 general, \$5 students, NECC alumni, and seniors, Northern Essex Community College, Library Conference Center, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Michael Finegold (978) 556-3413, 470-1584, or mfinegold@necc.mass.edu.

Auditions, Barbizon model search and auditions, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., reservation only, Lauren Krol 800-223-4613.

Concert, Henry Lebedinsky, *Vivaldi's Masterworks - Gloria*, 3 p.m., \$10, \$7 students/seniors, Grace Church, 385 Essex St., Salem; (978) 744-2796.

Recital, performed by organist Glenn Goda, 4

p.m., free-will offering will be taken, St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; (978) 283-1708.

Grill 93, Hosted by Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, The Comedy Palace, River Road, Andover; 888-865-2844.

Monday, April 3

Choice, Not Chance, college planning session by the Andover High School Counseling Department featuring panel of college admissions directors from Boston University, Harvard University, UMass Amherst and Merrimack College, 7 p.m., Collins Center, Andover High; Allison Collins 623-8602.

Confetti 2000 Class, "Dancing with Elders," 1:30-2:30 p.m., \$10 or as able, The Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 470-0988 to register in advance.

Confetti 2000 Class, "Dance and Story," 3:30-5 p.m., Phillips Academy Gymnasium, see *listing above*.

Confetti 2000 Rehearsals, see *Friday, March 31 listing for brochures with schedule information*; 470-0988.

Lecture, "Seacoast Operations of South Carolina," presented by Duane Schaffer, sponsored by The Civil War Roundtable of Merrimack, 7:30 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Cynthia (603) 870-0043.

Registration, Department of Community Services summer programs, Town Offices, Bartlet St., Andover; Mary Donohue 623-8277.

Tuesday, April 4

Confetti 2000 Class, "Stress Reduction through Movement and Breath," 12-1 p.m., "Dancing and Drawing," 3:30-5 p.m., \$10 per class or as able, The Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence, 470-0988 to register in advance.

Boating Safety Course, presented by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Rupert A. Nock Middle School, Low St., Newburyport; Registration (978) 462-8251, Course content (978) 346-8408.

The Valley Players Cast Call, 7 p.m. adults only, April 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 a.m.-4 p.m. children only, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

Wednesday, April 5

Auditions, choral chamber group Exsultet!, with rehearsals Wednesday evenings 7:30-10 p.m., seeks experienced singers, especially males, 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, Danvers; Richard Larraga (781) 329-1741.

Lecture, "Getting Your Seder in Order," presented by Rabbi Charles Popky, 7-9 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 514 Main St., Haverhill; (978) 372-4140.

Confetti 2000 Class, "Folk and Ritual Dance Forms," 3:30-5 p.m., "Confetti 2000 Tapestry Dance," 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 per class or as able, Phillips Academy Gymnasium; 470-0988.

Seminar, "Free Homebuyer Seminar," sponsored by Winter Hill Federal Savings Bank, 6:30-9 p.m., Hillview Country Club, North Reading; Frank Bellistri (978) 474-4633.

Thursday, April 6

Our Town, Top Notch Players, Northern Essex Community College, see *Friday, March 31, listing*.

Confetti 2000 Class, "Building Community through Ritual and Dance," \$10 or as able, Phillips Academy Gymnasium; 470-0988.

Hayavadana, presented by Tufts Balch Arena Theater, April 6 through 8, April 13 through 15, 8 p.m., \$8 general public, \$5 with valid Tufts ID, The Balch Arena Theater, Tufts University, Medford/Somerville campus; (617) 627-3493, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Guys and Dolls, performed by Merrimack College's On-Stagers, through April 9,

April 6 & 7 8 p.m., April 8 6:30 p.m. pre-theater dinner with an 8 p.m. curtain, April 9 2 p.m., \$12 general admission, \$10 student/staff/senior citizen, \$22 per person for April 8 performance by calling box office (978) 837-5088, Merrimack College, junction of Rtes. 114 and 125, North Andover; (978) 837-LINK (5465).



All Dolled up — On-Stagers tackle American classic.

Friday April 7

Frankly Ballet and More, presented by Northeast Youth Ballet, performance of Frank Sinatra tunes, original works and Aurora's Wedding, Act III of Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*, Chevalier Theatre, Medford; (781) 665-2236 or <www.northeast-youthballet.org>.

Our Town, Top Notch Players, Northern Essex Community College, see *Friday, March 31, listing*.

Comedy Escape, featuring Kevin Knox and John Turco, 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Route 125/133, North Andover; (781) 938-8068.

Singles Dance, sponsored by the Billerica Chapter of The Single Life, 8 p.m., Knights of Columbus, Burlington, Members \$6, Guests \$8; Steve 988-9528 or Donna 658-2410.

Play, 3rd Annual Patriotic Play, performed by Heath Brook and Trahan Schools, 10 a.m., rain delay, April 11 10 a.m.; David Marcus (978) 640-7870.

Senior Safari Dance, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., \$5, Andover High School, school cafeteria, Andover; any parent wishing to chaperone, contact Cornelia Kessler 623-7028, or Mary Dennehy 409-1333.

Wenham Museum Invitational Art Show 2000, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 7 & 8, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children 2 and up, Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., handicapped accessible, Wenham Museum, 132 Main St., Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Saturday, April 8

Frankly Ballet and More, Northeast Youth Ballet, see *Friday, April 7, entry*.

Our Town, Top Notch Players, Northern Essex Community College, see *Friday, March 31, listing*.

Gala Auction, presented by Creative Arts, non-profit community arts school, 7 p.m. silent auction, followed by live auction, music, refreshments, cash bar, \$15 each or \$25 per couple, Meadow Brook Golf Club, Reading; (781) 942-9600.

Comedy Escape, featuring Kevin Knox and John Turco, see *Friday, April 7, listing*.

Concert, sponsored by Crossroads Coffee-house featuring Tabasco Fiasco, 7:15 doors, 8 p.m. show, \$12, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North

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Andover, 687-3960 or 687-7948 after 5:30 p.m. concert night.

Astronomy Day 2000, sponsored by Merrimack College and North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club, featuring talk by Cosmo Q. Redshift "On a Clear Night You Can See Forever," displays, observing, 7 p.m., second floor, Mendel Center, Merrimack College; Ralph Pass, evenings, 470-1255.

Workshop, "House History Research," sponsored by Andover Historical Society, presented by Juliet Moford, historian, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5, reservation requested; 475-2236.

Confetti 2000 Performance, 4 p.m., \$5 donation if able, Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy.

Healthy Kids Day, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., free, YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., free, YMCA, 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence; Elizabeth Payne (978) 725-6681.

Children's concert, *The Places You'll Go: Traveling Through Story & Song*, performed by Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell, 2 p.m., free tickets available at the Children's Room, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Sq., Andover; 623-8400.



A place you'll go? — How about to the library for a children's show?

Concert, featuring Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, performed by combined choirs and orchestras of Phillips Academy and Phillips Exeter, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover, handicapped accessible; Christopher Walter (978) 749-4995.

Peter, Paul & Mary, 8 p.m., \$38.75-\$55, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Rd., Beverly; Barbara Dempsey (978) 232-7223.

10th Annual Spring Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission, Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines, "Don't Touch That Dial," 7:30 p.m., \$15 (portion of proceeds will be donated to area charities), Beverly High School Auditorium, 100 Sohier Rd., Beverly; Linda (978) 744-0664, or Kathy (978) 744-1846.

23rd Annual Flea Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 50¢ table rentals \$14-\$20, not handicapped accessible, Greenwood Union Church, 4 Oak St., Wakefield; Nancy (781) 245-8562.

Sunday, April 9

Frankly Ballet and More, Northeast Youth Ballet. See April 7 entry.

Requiem, performed with an orchestra as part of a church service by Andover's South and West Parish church choirs, 10 a.m., West Parish Church, Reservation Road, Andover.

Cradle Roll, presented by Temple Emanuel's nursery school, hands-on workshop focusing on Passover, for ages 3-5 and their parents, including crafts, story-telling, singing and snack, 9 a.m., \$5, call for reservation by April 6; 470-1356.

Concert, Harpsichord Recital by Richard Troeger, 3 p.m., \$10, Christ Church Parish Hall; Tickets are available at 475-0529, or at the door.

Family Education Program, "Matzah Factory & More," early session starts 8:45 a.m., late session starts 11 a.m., students K-6, Temple Emanuel, Andover.

Concert, sponsored by Andover Chamber Music Series, featuring Nina Scolnik and the Lydian String Quartet, 4 p.m., \$16, \$12 students and seniors, First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover, 470-8874.



Lydian String Quartet.

Concert, featuring Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, performed by combined choirs

and orchestras of Phillips Academy and Phillips Exeter, 3 p.m., free, Phillips Church, corner of Front St. and Tan Lane, Exeter Academy campus, Exeter, NH, handicapped accessible; Christopher Walter (978) 749-4995.

Big Easy Jazz Brunch, performed by Samming Rimington and the Big Easy Jazz Band, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$20, \$15 students, Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Dina Brown (978) 556-3732.

ONGOING

Free GED (General Educational Development) classes, Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:15-3:15 p.m., the Adult Learning Center, Beverly Campus of the North Shore Community College, 112 Sohier Road, Beverly; or evening classes, Mondays and Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. beginning April 3, Wellspring House, 302 Essex Ave., Gloucester; (978) 762-4000 Ext. 5573 or 5452.

"Strong Bones, Strong Minds," a six week exercise and educational program, starting March 27, \$99, Cedardale Health & Fitness, 931 Boston Rd., Haverhill; Brooke Patterson (978) 373-1596

Theatre

The Front Page, March 31-April 30, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., \$18.50-\$32.50, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.

Oliver with a Twist, musical spoof of *Oliver*, *Annie*, *Les Miz*, *Godzilla* and *Gone with the Wind*, presented by Neverland Theatre, March 30-31, 7 p.m., April 1, 3:30 p.m., April 2, 2:30 and 6 p.m., April 6-7, 7 p.m., April 8, 4 and 7:15 p.m., April 9, 2:30 and 6 p.m., \$10, wheelchair accessible, audience invited to bring canned goods to benefit local food pantry, Hamilton-Wenham Community House, Rte. 1A, Hamilton; (978) 468-1191.

Brigadoon, by Valley Players, through April 22, Thursday, Friday, Saturday shows 8:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Sunday show 6:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., Sunday matinee dinner noon, show 1 p.m., dinner and show \$22-\$30, show only \$10.50-\$12.50, Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater; (978) 388-9444.

O.A.T.S. Premier: Two Plays, March 31-April 9, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinee 4 p.m., \$10, Actors' Studio of Marc Clopton & Anna Smolowitz at the Tannery, 12 Federal St., Newburyport; (978) 463-0974.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover from Dec. 10 to Dec. 29, 1999.

1 Key Lime Inc. bought Orchard Street for \$275,000, from Thomas, and Wilma Ann Cunningham. The mortgage is with Salem Five Cents Savings Bank.

2 E. Merrill III and Betty Y. Gee bought 53 William St. for \$795,000, from Michael D. and Carol A. Rauseo. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

3 John P. and Robert L. Barnes bought 20A Washington Park Drive for \$120,000, from Anastasia Goutanis. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

4 Robert J. and Tamara P. Chamberlin bought 24 Somerset Drive for \$640,000, from ATM Realty Corp. The mortgages are with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts Inc. and Norwest Bank Colorado, NA.

5 Cynthia A. Morency bought 85 Stevens St. for \$204,900, from Frances M. and Mary Monica McNulty. The mortgage is with North American Mortgage Co.

6 Christopher A. and Michelle H. Vassilopoulos bought 121 Lowell St. for \$320,000, from Paul J. Ripa Ex, Joseph R. Ripa Est. The mortgage is with Homevest Mortgage Corp.

7 Lisa M. Nolan bought 354 North Main St. for \$139,000, from William A. Stuart. The mortgage is with Fleet Mortgage Corp.

8 Chinmaya Mission Boston bought 1 Union St. for \$475,001, from Home Health Foundation, Inc. The mortgage is with Northmark Bank.

9 Michael J. and Cynthia H. Twomey bought 7 Seminole Circle for \$460,000, from Judith



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This home, at 56 Chestnut St., was recently sold for \$345,000.

M. Block. The mortgage is with Homevest Mortgage Corp.

10 Brian C. and Diane L. Davies bought 56 Chestnut St. for \$345,000, from Janyce M. and Donald D. Sagaser Tr, Sagaser Realty Trust. The mortgage is with Savings Bank.

11 Carlos and Luisa Oliveira bought 22 Maplewood Road for \$272,900, from Richard P. and Kathleen L. Hendricks. The mortgage is with DeWolfe Mortgage Services Inc.

12 Kurt G. and Eileen Powers Hespeler bought 7 Midland Circle for \$300,000, from Edward W. and Geraldine D. Powers. The mortgage is with First Federal Savings Bank of America.

13 Paul J. and Lorraine D. Ragnio bought 6 Blackberry Lane for \$429,900, from William E. and Donna S. Schroeder.

The mortgages are with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts Inc. and Norwest Bank Colorado N.A.

14 Christine D. and James R. Lightburn, Jr. bought 53 Stevens St. for \$159,000, from Linda F. Aumais, Thomas J. Delaney, Judith E. McAllister. The mortgage is with Medford Savings Bank.

15 Joseph F. and Gail Ann Saunders bought 9 Pheasant Run for \$459,900, from Mackey Construction, Inc. The mortgage is with Olde Towne Mortgage Co. Inc.

16 Andrew McBrien bought 11 Brady Loop for \$355,000, from Christine L. Orfanedes. The mortgage is with DeWolfe Mortgage Services, Inc.

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence Branch.

Beer bust ...

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Police charged the youths, all from Andover, with being minors in possession of alcohol, and charged the boy hosting the party with keeping a disorderly house.

The boy's father was out of town, and was being supervised by an adult who lives elsewhere in town, police said.

Police found vomit in the bathroom and beer bottles and broken eggs elsewhere in the house.

Arrested were: two 15-year-old boys; two 16-year-old boys; a 15-year-old girl; Michael J. DaSilva, 17, of 63 Andover St.; Tricia Grif-

fin, 19, of 4 Island Way; Napua O. Camarillo, 17, of 486 Lowell St.; Priscilla A. Dias, 18, of 138 Osgood St.; Dana G. Sussman, 17, of 4 Powers Road; Matthew Traub, 18, of 7 Fairfax Drive; Cody J. Frost, 17, of 210 Chandler Road; Keith L. Espinola, 19, of 14 Somerset Road; Benjamin P. Urbelis, 18, of 6 Eastman Road; Matthew P. Shaer, 18, of 6 Florence St.; Samuel B. Morrison, 18, of 5 Pendant Court; Scott Mackin, 18, of 1 Ellsworth Road; Christopher M. Sullivan, 17, of 3 Blackberry Lane; Lars Keil, 17, of 148 Summer St.; Joseph A. Papalardo, 17, of 12 Canterbury St.; Oliver H. Brown, 17, of 88 Central St.; Corey M. Dennis, 17, of 9 Belle Haven Drive and Joseph J. Furey, 17, of 26 Cuba St.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of David Adilman, 15 Fosters Pond Rd., Andover, Ma., for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. to allow the construction of a 2-story dwelling and possibly a detached garage and removal of an existing dwelling on a lot that lacks frontage on a way as defined by the Zoning By-Law.

Premises affected are located at 15 Fosters Pond Rd., Andover, Ma in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessors Map 122 as Lot 8.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are located at 111 Shawsheen Road., Andover, Ma in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessors Map 89 as Lot 32.

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Robert B. Ozoonian, 13 Appaloosa Way, Danville, NH, for a special permit under Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section IV.B.38A. to allow the construction of an in-law apartment within a single family dwelling.

Premises affected are located at 94 Osgood Street Andover, Ma in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessors Map 177 as Lot 1A.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of Viking Tree Realty Trust, John Pasquale, TR., 3 Washington St., North Reading, MA., for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A., and/or a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A. 1, and for a modification of Decision No. 2973, to allow the construction of a single family dwelling which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 41 Bancroft Rd., Andover, Ma in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessors Map 59 as Lot 23.

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MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of Frederick L. Taft, Nathalie Taft Andrews, Eleanor Taft Ethridge, 232 Salem Street, Andover, Ma for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A. 1 to allow the reconstruction of two sheds, which will be relocated by the Andover Historical Society, over existing historic foundations, which do not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 237 Salem Street., Andover, Ma in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessors Map 27 as Lot 10.

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MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of Gerald Dempsey, 10 Canterbury Street, Andover Ma., for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and/or for a special permit under Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section VII.A.1, to allow the replacement of an existing screened porch by an addition to an existing non-conforming dwelling, which will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 10 Canterbury St., Andover, Ma in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessors Map 69 as Lot 5.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of Donna & Todd Richardson, 41 Red Spring Road, Andover, Ma for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to allow the construction of additions and alterations to existing non-conforming structures, which will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 41 Red Spring Road, Andover, Ma in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessors Map 72 as Lot 10.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of Mike and Anne Kelly, 124 Main Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and/or for a special permit under Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section VII.A. 1, to allow the construction of additions and alterations to an existing

non-conforming dwelling which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 124 Main Street, Andover, Ma in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessors Map 40- as Lot 40.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of DONALD & LISA McALISTER, 12 Somerset Drive, Andover, Ma, as a party aggrieved for a review of a decision made by the Building Inspector relative to enforcement of alleged violations of the Andover Zoning By-Law.

Premises affected are located at 800 Federal Street, Andover, Ma., in a Single Residence C and Industrial D District and is shown on Assessors Map 145 as Lot 10.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

(SEAL) Case No. 262866
To James F. Taft; Joanne M. Taft and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: EMC Mortgage Corporation claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 34 West Parish Drive given by James F. Taft, Joanne M. Taft and Gilda G.S. Mendonsa to First Essex Savings Bank, dated January 23, 1987, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 2416, Page 237, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 8th day of May 2000, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 21st day of March, 2000

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
March 30, 2000

POLICE LOG

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At 5:17 p.m., another caller from the High School reported the theft of a pocketbook.

Sunday, March 26 - At 4:17 p.m. a Brookside Drive resident reported her son's bicycle had been stolen.

Monday, March 27 - At 3:17 p.m., a caller from the Greater Lawrence Technical School reported items stolen from a purse on Friday.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 22 - At 6:43 a.m., a caller from Stowe Court reported her white 1991 Ford escort was stolen. Police recovered the vehicle at 5:31 p.m. on Maple Avenue.

Friday, March 24 - At 10:39 a.m., a woman called from Haverhill Street and reported her light blue Windstar van was stolen from in front of The Grocery Bag convenience store and driven toward Lawrence. The woman later reported it was just a joke; her neighbor drove the vehicle around the block. She spoke with the party.

Saturday, March 25 - At 3:08 p.m., a Lupine Road caller report-

ed his vehicle was towed overnight, and when he went to pick it up things were missing from it.

Monday, March 27 - At 7:46 p.m., Tewksbury police reported a driver who appears to be "driving all over the place," including into the 99 Restaurant parking lot and back out onto 133. Police found no one.

Tuesday, March 28 - At 9:55 a.m., a South Main Street caller reported his dog was hit by a car and injured. The driver left the scene.

ACCIDENTS

Sunday, March 26 - At 3:23 a.m. police responded to an accident at 451 Lowell St. A 22-year-old female said she could not feel her leg and had facial injuries.

VANDALISM

Monday, March 27 - At 11:28 p.m. a Marigold Lane resident reported her mailbox was damaged overnight.

At 4:37 p.m. a caller from the Senior Center reported vandalism to the Senior Garden some time over the last week.

Tuesday, March 28 - At 3:41 p.m., a Brady Loop resident reported a moving van damaged their lawn. Driver was cooperative and the parties exchanged information.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER ON THURSDAY, April 6, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of ESA Management, Inc. c/o Bohler Engineering, P.C. 352 Turnpike Rd., Suite 015, Southborough, Ma for a modification of Decision 2982.

Premises affected are vacant land parcels in a Single Residence District C in Andover, are shown on Assessor's Map 221 as Lots 1 and 1B, and are accessed from Andover Street in Tewksbury, Ma.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 23 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. on the petition of LNS INC., 9 Sunset Drive, Saugus, Ma., as a party aggrieved, for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector not to enforce the Andover Zoning By-Law.

Premises affected are located at 5 Dawn Circle, Andover, Ma in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessors Map 133 as Lot 74.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

Part (5) Inspections by Board of Health agents

Part (6) Severability

Part (7) Effective date 30 days from publication date

Copies of the full text of the adopted regulation are available at the Offices of the Board of Health, Department of Community Development and Planning, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA.

Douglas M. Dunbar,
D.D.S.
Chairman
Andover Board of Health
March 30, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Andover Board of Health will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover for the purpose of receiving public comments relative to a proposed regulation which is summarized as follows:

Smoking shall be prohibited in all municipal buildings as well as in the area within 25 feet of any building entranceway, except that this shall not apply to a smoker transiting through such 25 foot area nor to a smoker approaching an entranceway with the intention of extinguishing a tobacco product.

Copies of the entire proposed regulation are available at the Offices of the Board of Health, Department of Community Development and Planning, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, Andover, MA.

Douglas M. Dunbar,
D.D.S.
Chairman
Andover Board of Health
March 30, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application made by O'Brien Homes, Inc. for a 5 lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Cassimere Street Extension" on property owned by Wood Ayer Limited Partnership located northeasterly of the existing cul-de-sac along Cassimere Street, more specifically identified as Assessors' Map 54, Parcel 23a. The application may

be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
March 23 & 30, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the application of Andover Park Realty Trust for a modification of a Site Plan Special Permit (SP97-08) issued by the Board on April 30, 1997, said modification to allow for an expansion of existing office building parking to provide 84 additional parking spaces on property owned by the applicant situated at 600 Federal Street, and more specifically identified as Lot 10A on Assessor's Map 145. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
March 23 & 30, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application made by O'Brien Homes, Inc. for a Special Permit for Earth Movement for a proposed 5 lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Cassimere Street Extension" on property owned by Wood Ayer Limited Partnership located northeasterly of the existing cul-de-sac along Cassimere Street, more specifically identified as Assessors' Map 54, Parcel 23a. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

ESSEX DIVISION

Docket No. 00P0493-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF BEATRICE SARGENT STULGIS otherwise known as BEATRICE S. STULGIS

To all persons interested in the estate BEATRICE SARGENT STULGIS otherwise known as BEATRICE S. STULGIS late of the County of Essex Date of Death, January 11, 2000.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that Ja certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by JONATHAN W. STULGIS of Charlestown in the County of Suffolk and LINDA S. STULGIS of Poughkeepsie in the State of New York praying that they be appointed executors thereof without giving sureties on their bond. VINCENT F. STULGIS, first named executor in said will having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 18, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date March 15, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
March 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of VICOR CORPORATION, 400 Federal Street, Andover, Ma., for an extension of Decision No. 2895, granted May 7, 1999 by the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance from side and rear setbacks in connection with construction of a multi-level parking facility.

Premises affected are located at 400 Federal Street, Andover, Ma in a Industrial D District and is shown on Assessors Map 144 as Lot 4.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 23 & 30, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Andover Board of Health, at its regularly scheduled meeting of March 20, 2000, acting in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, Sections 31, 122 and 143, voted unanimously to pass and enact a Regulation entitled Prohibition of Smoking in Municipal Vehicles. The regulation is summarized as follows:

Part (1) No person shall smoke in municipal vehicles

Part (2) Fine for violation: \$50.00/First Offense \$100.00/Second Offense

Part (3) Appeal provision to court of competent jurisdiction

Part (4) Complaints for compliance to Board of Health

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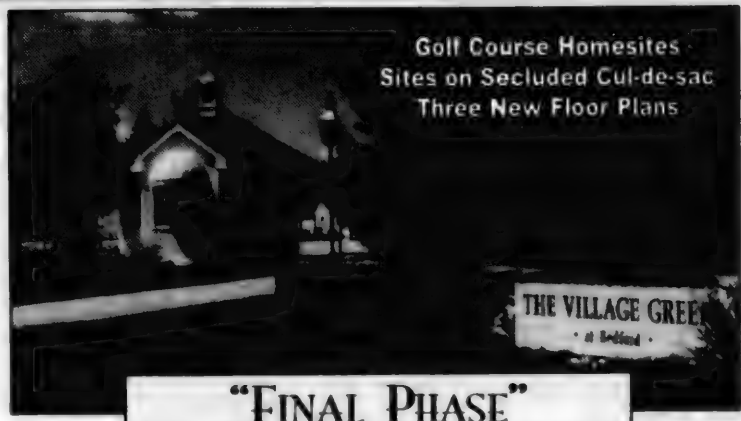
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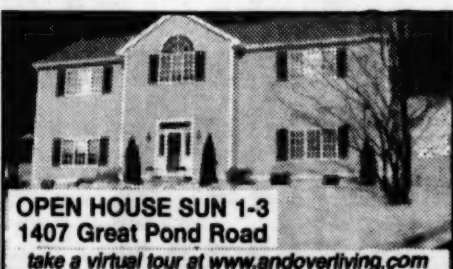


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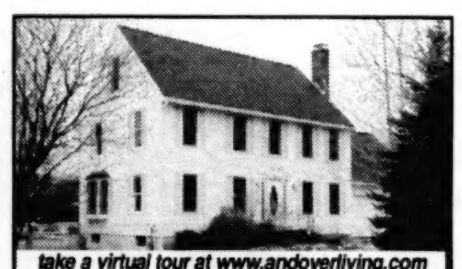


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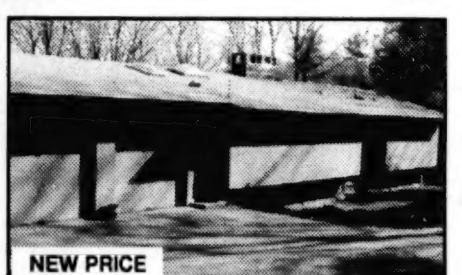
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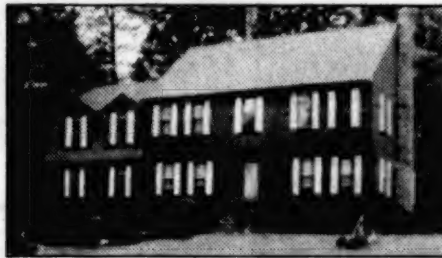
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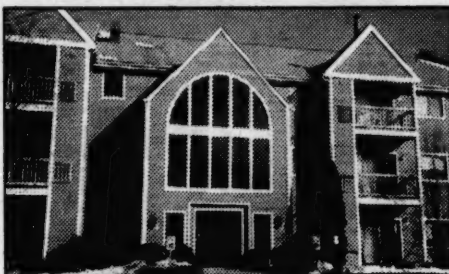
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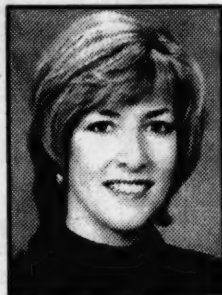
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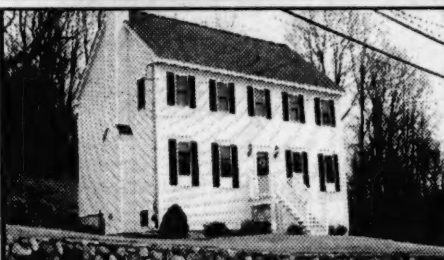
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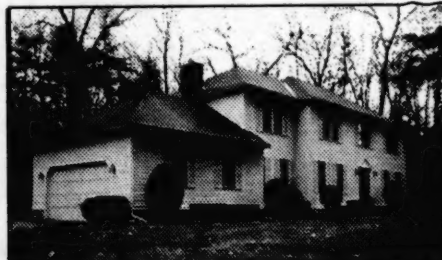
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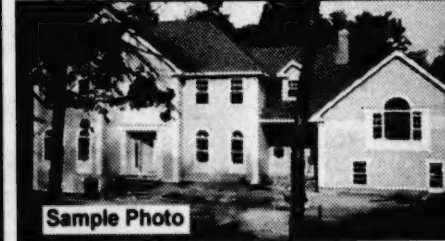


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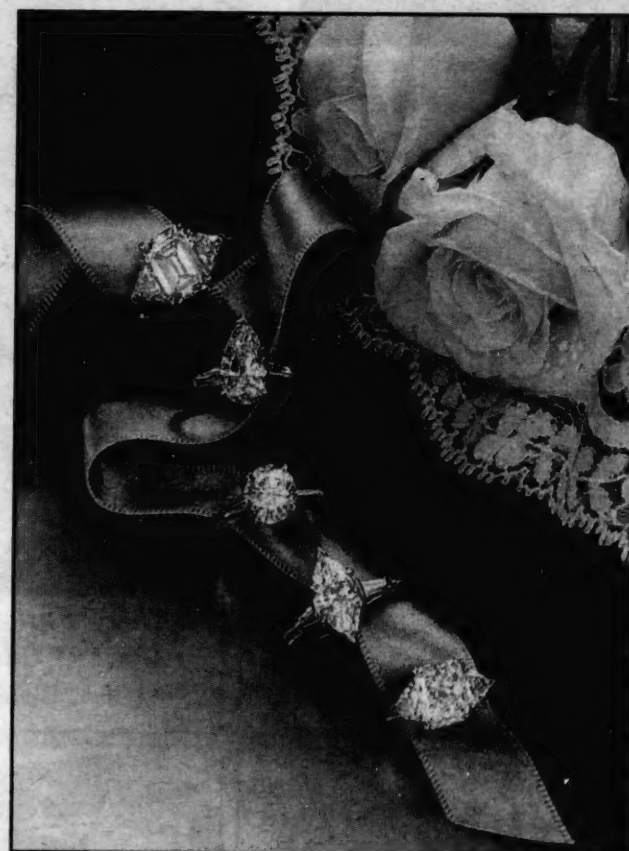
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